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OF THE

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To the Maryland Historical Society:

GENTLEMEN:

We have the honor to submit the Sixteenth Volume of the Maryland Archives, being the conclusion of the Journal and Correspondence of the Council of Safety, January 1, 1777–March 20, 1777, and the Journal and Correspondence of the State Council, March 20, 1777–March 30, 1778.

Respectfully,

CLAYTON C. HALL,
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Committee.

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PREFACE.

In this volume is completed the Journal of the Council of Safety, which it will be remembered was the permanent executive committee of the Convention, or provisional revolutionary government. The Convention met at stated times, or was called together by the Council on any emergency, while the Council carried out its measures, and administered all matters connected with the war, or growing out of it.

In August, 1776, a new Convention was elected, charged with the duty of framing a Bill of Rights and a Constitution for the State. Their task was accomplished in November. The Constitution provided for a House of Delegates consisting of four members from each of the nineteen counties, and two each from Annapolis and Baltimore, to be elected immediately by the people. There was also to be a Senate of fifteen members, nine from the Western, and six from the Eastern Shore, to be chosen by an electoral college, designated by popular vote.

The governor was to be elected annually by joint ballot of the two Houses, and was to be assisted by a Council of five members, chosen in the same manner.

The election for electors to the Senate was held on Nov. 25, 1776, and they performed their duties on Dec. 9. The Delegates were elected on Dec. 18, and the Assembly met in Annapolis on Feb. 10, 1777. On the 13th Thomas Johnson was chosen governor, and was inaugurated with imposing ceremonies on Mar. 21.

The State government being now complete, the Council of Safety dissolved itself by simple adjournment, and handed over its records and unfinished business to the Council of the State. The records of the State Council are therefore taken up in this volume, as they have never been published.

The most disquieting matter with which the Council had to deal, was the activity of the tories, especially during the gloomy winter of 1776–77. In Somerset and Worcester counties there was a strong tory feeling; and under leaders of some ability the loyalists became so bold that a dangerous outbreak seemed imminent. Gen. Smallwood and Col. Gist were sent down into those counties in February, 1777, to suppress disaffection and restore order; and Congress empowered Smallwood to call in the aid of the continental troops, should it be

found necessary. Smallwood's letters of March 3 and 14 give interesting particulars.

What has particularly impressed the editor in his study of these records, is the self-possession and composure of all the leading men in that great struggle. Neither danger, disaster, nor success seems to have shaken their steadfast souls. In all the correspondence we find no appeals to passion, no high-sounding phrases, no particle of the demagogue's stock in trade. They had not been hurried into revolution, but accepted it when it was seen to be inevitable, and with calm determination they saw it to the end.

The eulogy passed by Chancellor Hanson on the Convention and Council of Safety is worth quoting as a just tribute to the memory of these truly great men. He says:—

"Such an administration, the immediate offspring of necessity, might have been reasonably expected to be subversive of that liberty which it was intended to secure. But in the course of more than two years, during which it was cheerfully submitted to by all except the advocates for British usurpation, although many occasions occurred in which an intemperate zeal transported men beyond the just bounds of moderation, not a single person fell a victim to the oppression of this irregular government. The truth is, that during the whole memorable interval between the fall of the old, and the institution of the new form of government, there appeared to exist among us such a fund of public virtue as has scarcely a parallel in the annals of the world."

NOTES.

Page 11, line 43. "in Carads" = "Encourages." "Tomusts and woull." Undecipherable.

Page 12, line 5. "destroy" for "distrain."

Page 28, line 30. "Geel Gune." So in C. S. C. It should be "George Clymer." Morris, Clymer, and Walton were the Congressional Committee stationed at Philadelphia.

Page 155, line 5. "This State." A later copy has "Statia" (St. Eustatia), which is correct. See letter No. 166.

Page 189, line 24. "Tooth." An error of the scribe for "Tootell," sometimes written "Tootle."

Page 194, line 30. The first adoption of the Great Seal of the State.

Page 199, line 18. "Same purpose to." Some name omitted.

Page 256, line 3. "Tooth." See note above.

Page 282, line 19. "Tooth." See note above.

Page 298, line 21. "Yesterday." A mistake of the clerk. In the Journal this follows immediately after the record of June 21.

JOURNAL AND CORRESPONDENCE

OF

THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY

OF

MARYLAND,

JANUARY 1—MARCH 20, 1777.

Wednesday January 1, 1777 C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Copy of Letter N° 78 was sent to Col. John Murdock and Copy of N° 79 to Brigadier General Chamberlaine, and John Hanson junior Esquire respectively.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Nicholas Thomas Esquire for the use of John Harris seven Pounds ten Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to John M^c^fadon seventy five Pounds and ten Pence: that the said Treasurer pay to the said John M^c^fadon the further Sum of One hundred and fifty Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Doct^r^ James Murray ten Pounds two Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to Philip Key ninety four Pounds eleven shillings and nine Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Hall Esquire Trustee to Thomas Rutland fifty three Pounds and ten Pence.

Commission issued to Thomas Walker appointed Commander of the Ship or Galley called the Baltimore.

Commissions issued to William Brown appointed Captain, William Campbell first Lieutenant, and Abraham Berthaud second Lieutenant of a Company of Matrosses in the City of Annapolis.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Murdock.] C. S. C. No. 78.

January 1st 1777

Sir, We received your's of the 28th of December but know not how to give any certain answer, Congress having made no written requisition to us relative to the militia, nor have they in any manner explained to us the destination of those Troops. The militia are to move forward on the requisition of the Honourable Congress; and no question if you apply to them, or to your Brigadier but they will inform you of every thing necessary or proper to be known. We are sorry to find the militia so very backward, perhaps the news of the victory lately obtained (a narrative of which you will find inclosed in the inclosed hand-bill) may serve as a spur to the

c. s. c. common class of people, the officers are more ready to march as you inform, than the privates. We are &c.

Col. John Murdock

No. 79. [Council to Chamberlaine and Hanson.]

January 1st 1777

Sir. Col. Contee in passing through Annapolis left with us some papers preparatory to a complete return, and promised to attend the Board in a few days to explain every thing that had been done by the Commissioners.

We are sorry now to inform you that he has not been up, and we hear both himself and his family have taken the small pox; this obliges us to request your immediate attendance for a few days; the board are at a loss in several particulars, and cannot well proceed to a final arrangement of the eight Battalions without you, be pleased therefore to come down as soon as you can. We are, Sirs your ob. S. &c.

To Gen[l] Chamberlaine and John Hanson Esq.

P. S. We congratulate you on the victory obtained by Gen[l] Washington, the particulars of which you will see in the Hand Bill inclosed. Mr. Carroll from Congress writes us that General Heath had crossed the North River and retaken Fort Lee & Hakinsack 130 prisoners and the Stores and Baggage.

We are, Sirs, &c.

[Chamberlaine to Jenifer.]

Talbot County January 1st 1777

Sir,

On being informed last Saturday that seventeen armed men from a neighbouring county, had forceably taken some salt I had purchased some time agoe for the use of a plantation belonging to an orphan under my care, I collected some persons as soon as possible and persued them about twenty four miles without being able to overtake them before they had seperated, having got the start of us about two hours. we waited on the man who was said to be their leader, whose house we found guarded, tho' he did not appear himself, and the only one of the party who acknowledged the fact, we brought off and now send him under a Guard with his confession enclosed and the deposition of the person who lived in the house and had the salt in charge. I also send you Colston's letter to me for your information, to which I answered that I had nothing further to say in the affair, and that it should be laid before the Council of Safety. The expence I

have been at hope will be thought reasonable and shall be glad to have an order on our Treasurer. I hope my conduct in this affair will meet with the approbation of the Council, being with the greatest respect. C. S. C.

Your very obed^t Humble Servt
Ja^s Lloyd Chamberlaine

The Honble The President of the Council
of Safety in Annapolis

[Petition of Andrew Glasby.]

January. 1777.

To the Honorable the Council of Safety of Maryland. The Remonstrance and petition of Andrew Glasby late master of the Snow George, most humbly representeth, that some time ago, your Remonstrant's vessel, with all her hands and cargo was made captive of by George Cook Esqr commander of the ship Denfence of this Province. That amongst others of the captivated a free negro man, called by the name of Party fall happened among the number, who was at that time entered on board your Remonstrant's Snow at the rate of seven dollars per month, in the Capacity of a common Sailor your remonstrant and Pet^r humbly representeth unto your Honours that he is given to understand, that when a free negro doth not inlist or take up arms in Defence of Great Britain against America in the present unhappy contest, the Honble Congress have passed a resolve, that he should have and enjoy the same freedoms and privileges with other freemen of the State. Your Remonstrant and Petitioner further sheweth unto your Honours, that such is the custom of the place from whence this negro came, that the person in whose ship or vessel he enters, is obliged to give bond, with sufficient security under a heavy penalty, for a safe return of said negro: And to prevent Frauds it is added, that in case such negro should die on his passage, the person giving such security shall be obliged to carry to the place from whence he was carried or taken both his ears. Your Remonstrant further representeth to your Honours that he has divers times mentioned this matter to the said George Cook Esqr and requested of him to deliver to your Remonstrant the said negro, in order that your remonstrant might thereby release his securities. And as the said George Cook Esq hath altogether refused to give up to your petitioner the said negro, he therefore prays your Honours interposition therein and he as in duty bound will ever pray &c.

C. S. C. [Upton Sheridine to Johnson.]

Sir. January 1st 1777

I last night received a number of Commissions for the officers of the Linganore Battalion and among the rest, one for myself as Colonel. That for myself was what I did not expect, it being now near a fortnight since the election, at the close of which I was declared duly elected, to serve in Assembly, as a Delegate for Frederick County. It is impossible for me to serve in both Capacities agreeably to the present constitution; for I need not put you in mind that by the forty fifth article in the form of Government, Field officers in the militia are ineligible to a seat in the House of Delegates &c. This article I look upon to be a good regulation, and am determined to adhere to it. It being known to and expected by the people, that I am to serve them as their Representative, without the most distant expectation of my serving as a Field Officer, and as one or the other must be resigned, it is my resolution to act in the former capacity. And therefore with that respect which is due to the Executive Body of this State, I resign into your hands, herewith enclosed, the commission made out for me, as Colonel of the said Battalion.

I am Sir
Your humble Servt
Upton Sheridine.

Brigadier Genl Johnson,
favoured by Mr George Beckwith

P. S. The other commissions are transmitted to the several officers. U. S.

[George Wells to Council.]

Baltimore January 1st 1776

Gentlemen.

Per Mr Barry I send you according to desire the accounts against the four Gallies, by which it will appear that I have expended considerably more money than I have yet received, please to send the ballance by Bearer. I shall with pleasure goe on with the other Galley, but must beg leave to be advanced a sum of money for that purpose, as it is highly inconvenient for me to lay out my own money. Any money you think proper to advance on that account, Please likewise to send by Mr Barry and his receipt will be good.

I am
Gentlemen, with great respect your most
hum. Servt George Wells

The Honble Council of Safety
for the State of Maryland, Annapolis

P. S. As Mr Stephen Stewart is not here & that I dont

know when I may see him I imagine it would doe best you should name a Capt. for the Gally, & leave the masting to him. C. S. C.

Thursday, January 2, 1777. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Mr Wilkins three hundred Pounds on Account of the Fortifications.

That the said Treasurer pay to Oliver Whiddon three Pounds for a musquet.

That the said Treasurer pay to George Wells four hundred and fifty four Pounds four shillings and a Penny. Also the further sum of four hundred Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Woulds twelve Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Elizabeth Dennis fifteen Shillings.

Copy of Letter N° 80 was sent to George Wells, and Copy of N° 81 to Christopher Lowndes.

Permit granted to William Yeardsly Commander of the Schooner Spry to go to the Island of Curacoa.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Wells.] C. S. C. No. 80.

January 1st 1777.

Sir. Herewith you will receive the Balance of your account for Row Galley No. 1. Likewise an advance of four hundred pounds to go on with No. 2. both which vessels you must recollect ought by your agreement to have been finished by the 30th of October last, therefore double diligence is certainly now necessary to forward the other with all Expedition which we hope and trust you will do. We observe a quantity of Rum charged for the Workmen, but think it would be better to ascertain how much is required, or given to each particular. A Captain is appointed to the Galley who will order and direct her masting, and are, &c.

To Mr Geo. Wells.

[Council to Lowndes.] No. 81.

January 1st 1777.

Sir. The Council of Safety are desirous of contracting for a quantity of Cordage on behalf of the State, they request you would let them know by a line whether you could furnish

C. S. C. Eight or Ten Tons of Cordage in what time you could let them have such a quantity, and what would be the price. They want some Cables and all sorts of lesser Cordages fit for vessels. We are &c.

Christopher Lowndes Esquire

Original. [Nathaniel Potter to Council.]

January 2nd 1777.

Gentlemen.

I am under contract with Mr Mchard to purchais what Pork may to be had in my neighbourhood and as the season of the year may make itt difficult to transport it to Annapolis, we have thought itt most convenient to cure it at my Landing as I have conveniency for that purpose. Inclos'd you will receive Mr Mchard letter requesting you to send me about 50 bushells of salt which you will please to have deliver'd to the bearer for the purpose of curing such Pork as I may collect for the use of this State. I hope to be able to procure barrells sufficient for what I may take in and will deliver itt at Annapolis as soon as cured and fitt for use. I will likewise advise you from time to time what quantity I may have collected, pray give all convenient dispatch to my Boat, and you will much oblidge Your most obedt Servt

The Honble The Council of Safety at Annapolis Nat. Potter

C. S. C. [Van Bibber and Crockett to Council.]

Baltimore Jany 2nd 1777.

The Honbl The Council of Safety. Gentlemen. We have for sale 91 pieces of Ticklenburg such is suitable for tents. If you want the whole or any part of it, we make you an offer of it at 3/6 per yard. We shall be glad to know your determination about it as soon as possible as, if you do not want it we shall offer it to the congress. Since our C. was with you we have had arrived 3000 bushels Salt. there has come here within these 2 days 7000 bushels and more daily is expected.

We are your most obedt Humb. Servts.

Van Bibber & Crockett.

[Ephraim Howard to Jenifer?]

Sir. Linganore January 2nd 1777.

I this day by Mr. Sheredine received a second Major's Commission sent him by you for me. I am obliged to you

for the trouble you have taken in sending it, but as its ill convenient for me to accept of it, have return'd it you again. if the Linganore Battalion marches I shall march with it, but not in the capacity of a field officer. I am, Sir C. S. C.

Your very humble Servant,
Ephraim Howard.

Friday, January 3. 1777. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Copy of Letter N° 82 to Doct^r Edward Johnson, and Copy of N° 83 to the Committee of Calvert County.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver Captain James Tootell six Bushels of Salt.

James Lloyd Chamberlaine Esq. was appointed a member of the Council in the Room of Mr Hemsly, who declined acting.

Copy of Letter N° 84 was sent to his Excellency Patrick Henry Esquire, Governor of Virginia.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Dr. E. Johnson.] C. S. C. No. 82.

January 3^d 1777

Sir, We have many of our soldiers here ill with what we believe and apprehend to be the Camp-Fever. Hearing of your superior skill and abilities, particularly in that disorder, we are compelled by duty and Humanity to call upon you for your assistance to these unhappy and destressed sufferers. We [need] not remind you that immediate Attendance is necessary, and are &c.

To Doctor Edwd Johnson.

[Council to Calvert Committee.] No. 83.

Gent. Mr. John Weems hath applied to our board to be released against some fines imposed on him, for not serving in the militia; he alleges that he is much afflicted with the Gravel and other complaints, and therefore not an able body'd man, and in confirmation of his Allegation produced a certificate from Doct^r Johnson with gravel stones that has passed through him. We apprehend his application to be most proper to the General Assembly, and trouble you with this at present to request you would take care that no violence be offered to him until he has an opportunity of being héard, he thinks

c. s. c. there is danger of having his houses or property destroyed, which we hope you will take care to prevent. We are &c.

Committee of observ^{n}
of Calvert County Jany 3rd 1777

No. 84. [Council to Gov. Patrick Henry.]

Annap^{s} Jany 3^{d} 1777

Sir. Your Excellency's favour of the 22^{d} ult. enclosing Resolutions of the house of Delegates of your State we have received and are much obliged by the assurance you have been pleased to make our State of the most cordial cooperation of Virginia in every measure for our particular safety and the general interest of America. Be assured, Sir, that the Council of Safety of Maryland will invariably persevere in the same line of conduct they have hitherto observed, of affording every assistance and aid in their power to any part of America where their assistance and aid may be thought necessary to contribute to its general interest. We are, &c.

His Excellency Patrick Henry Esq.

[Chamberlaine to Council.]

Gentlemen. Talbot County January 3^{d} 1777.

I am favoured with yours by express and am sorry you should want any information from the Commissioners for recruiting the Army. At Wilmington the return was to have been made, but on getting there the Gentlemen very anxious to get forward proposed taking all the papers and compleating the buisiness before they parted. To this proposal I agreed and gave up the papers that were in my possession. Under these circumstances it perhaps will not be in my power to give your Honours the satisfaction I could wish tho' should you still incline that I should wait on you, on intimating as much by the return of an express I sent off yesterday, I will immediatly wait on you, being with the greatest Respect Gentlemen, Your most obed^{t} Humb^{l} Servt

Ja^{s} Lloyd Chamberlaine

The Honble The President of the Council
of Safety in Annapolis per express)

The want of salt will create great uneasiness with us, and as I hear there is a vessell belonging to the Publick with a quantity just arrived, if a few hundred bushells could be sent for sale near the heads of our Rivers, in my humble opinion it would have a good effect.

[Chase to Council.] Original.

Baltimore Town, Jany. 3 1777

Gentlemen: Congress have received no Letter from General Washington since the 27th. We are informed by private Letters that all our force, about 10,000, are in the Jerseys, and that the Enemy are retreating. It is certain that Genl Heath has retaken Hackensack and some Prisoners.

Mr. Shearman, Delegate from Connecticut, informs that the Enemy are in Possession of New Port, Rhode Island, and that about 10,000 are collected to oppose them.

The enclosed Petition was put into my Hands; your Board will make proper Enquiry and grant Redress. Captain Yates delivered me the enclosed.

Mr. Carroll informs Me that an application was heretofore made to Congress relative to the Case of Milne and Jenkins, and declined Giving any opinion. I have given the state of their case to the Georgia Delegates. I will write you further on this subject.

General Smallwood will communicate to you his Directions from Congress. I shall procure Money from them as soon as it can be signed, and shall furnish the General with a sum to enable him to expedite the new Levies. I doubt not the ready Concurrence and assistance of your Board. On the Success in procuring a new Army depends our all. I wish you would give a Line to any officer who may apply to you for Money, and signify what sum I shall advance.

I think it would be proper for you in a full Board to consider the Propriety of Convening our general Assembly. Our State is as yet unrepresented.

I am, Gent. with Respect and Regard
your most obedt Servt
Saml. Chase

The Honble. the Council of Safety of Maryland.

[Samuel Baxter to Council.] C. S. C.

Monecton Mills January 3rd 1777

Gentlemen. I am apointed coleter of the fines of the non inrolers of Midelville upper hundred by the committee of Baltimore. I have given the munths notis to those that oposed Mr James Bosley's from coleting in his hunderd and they are determined not to sufer thear goods to bee sold, as they gether in ganges and says thay is now law for any such fines in my hundred there is Bill Savage and John Gorsuch Black the tomusts and woull and that in Carads the rest not to pay if thes men were compeld to pay the rest would all pay without any trouble a number of the rest has told me that if it was

C. S. C. comon to pay, they will pay. I have complain'd to Gineral Buchanan but hee has not dun any thing in it and it cant be expeted that any won man can manag such a set of toreys. But if you will order a file of men to asist mee and alow me to destroy thare afects, and moove them to Baltimore town for sail, I will doe it at the resk of my life, as they have all swore they will kill mee if I persist to distres them. I did not take the warent for the profit but to carey the law into exicution. If no on wont soport mee in it I will resine and should have dun it before but was sorey to see a set of toreys trampel the good law of the country under foot as I am shure thare is not a man in this setelment but Mr Bengeman meriman and myself that would doe anything to suport goverment, as they all are glad to heer of hour conquests and will say they knew the English would conker, if you are determined to have thes men destrest I shall be glad to serve you. If not plees to let mee now, that I may resine my warent.

from your humble servant,
Samuel Baxter.

To The Honirabel Councel of Saftey

[Christopher Lowndes to Jenifer.]

Sir. Bladensburg Jany 3rd 1777.

I am favour'd with yours of the 2nd Inst, in which you desire to be inform'd if I can furnish eight or ten tons of Cordage and what the price and time of delivery will be. To these three questions I can at present answer to one of them only. it is that I can make the Cordage and perhaps as soon as any one of the fraternity. The price I cannot set at this time, that will depend on the price of hemp, and the time of delivery is uncertain, having little or no hemp by me, and it is seldom ready for sale before the last of March. I mean the crop of 1776.

I have already taken steps for securing twenty thousand weight, but I do not expect it can be engag'd before the time above mentioned. when it comes in I can turn of one thousand or twelve hundred p^r^ week, perhaps a greater quantity, but I chuse to be moderate as experience has told me unforseen disappointments are often presenting themselves to our view, I cannot now give you a more conclusive answer to your letter, for I wou'd rather not contract at all than make an agreement that I had not a certainty of complying with. if from what I have said, you think there is any probability of our coming to an agreement, on your favouring me with a line I will act accordingly and not engage for any more than

I have already promised, tho' several applications have been made to me lately. I am Sir C. S. C.

Your most obed^t Servant,
Chris. Lowndes.

The Honble. Daniel of St. Thos Jenifer Esq.
President of the Council of Safety at Annapolis

[Benjamin Mackall to Council.]

Gent. Calvert County 3rd January 1777.

Inclosed you have Lieutenant Col^o Alexander Somervell's commission, which he resigned on the 19th of last December. I am with great respect,

Gent. your most humble Servant,
Benj. Mackall 4th

The Honble The council of
Safety of Maryland

Saturday, January 4. 1777. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Elizabeth Sharp four Pounds.

Copy of Letter N° 85 was sent to Thomas Contee Esquire.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Joseph Middleton twelve Musquets, two Pounds of Powder and lead Equivalent.

Whereas the honorable Congress have recommended to all the united States as soon as possible to appoint a Day of solemn Fasting and Humiliation "to implore of Almighty God the forgiveness of the many sins prevailing among all Ranks, and to beg the Countenance and Assistance of his Providence in the Prosecution of this just and necessary War;" The Council of Safety have thought proper to appoint Monday the third Day of February next as a Day of solemn Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer for the Purposes abovementioned. Of which all the Inhabitants of this State are requested to take notice.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Contee.] C. S. C. No. 85.

Sir. We were in expectation of seeing you here on Monday last, indeed the pressing necessity of seeing some of the Commissioners (none of whom have yet attended) compels us

C. S. C. to entreat you to come up as soon as you possibly can. Many officers are applying for their commissions & some resigning; we know not how to move until we see some of the Gentlemen who were at Camp.

To Thos Contee Esqr We are &c

[C. Johnson to Jenifer.]

Sir. Lower Marlboro Jany 4th 1777.

I have received your favour in Council of Safety and shall as soon as possible attend the summons, and shall be happy in affording real service to my distressed countrymen. Former obligations make it necessary to see all under my care at present that lay any way between here and your city.

I shall set off from hence in the morning early and hope to be at Annapolis at night and wait on the Honble Council the next morning, to whom please to present my respectful compliments

I am Sir, your much obliged servt
C. Johnson.

Daniel of St. Thos Jenifer Esq. President,
of the Honble Council of Safety, Annapolis

[Thomas Johnson, Jr., to Council.]

Frederick Town 4th Jany 1777.

Gent.

I have had no opportunity since my receipt of your last letter before this by Colo Price nor did I think it worth while to send an express. I wish you would be pleased to send forward one thousand pair of shoes to be lodged at Philadelphia subject to my orders with the prices that there may be no difficulties in settling with the men. I before desired an order for the arms which were lodged at Philadelphia by the Maryland Flying Camp militia, but you gave me no answer as to that point presuming it was your intention they should be put into the hands of the militia I have ordered they should take what good arms they could with them and told them they may expect the deficiency would be supplied out of those arms, I shall be obliged to you for an order to meet me at Philadelphia as well as your instructions to the disposition of them. on my return it is my intention if the people can be kept together to come back slowly in convenient bodies and bring the arms with us. Disputes about command will be destructive of all authority and order. I wished to know whether I was to command all the Maryland Militia or only

those of this Brigade. Your silence on that head compels me to repeat my request that you will send me something decisive on that point. I hear from Col° Beatty as far as New York that Washington Militia turn out well. J. Johnson's and Bruce's Battalions do us honor. B. Johnsons not so much, a good many in it are backward, though every thing will be done that industry can effect. from what I hear the Montgomery Militia muster very thin. I this evening received Col° Sheredine's and Major's Howard's resignations, and believe Major Moor will not act. several of commissions for the commissioned officers are wrong. it is really difficult to put things on a footing at such times that will please generally. I have appointed the Battalion to meet next Tuesday, and shall attend it in my way to Philadelphia. By this means only I expect to be able to send you a list of such as will do. I inclose a letter from Col° Bruce by bearer to forward the commissions to Philadelphia. I think it my duty to mention to you one Robert Bruce who was in the Clerk's office of Charles County. He went a rifleman in Price's company. He now goes out in the Militia. He is very active in spurring up and I believe very spirited. I think he merits and I wish he had an Ensign's Commission. The companies I believe have recommended his brother, who I understand deserves well. Would it not be well that a few recruiting officers were ordered to attend us. I suspect if they do not, I shall have broils about our Militia enlisting as the quota of our neighbours which I must oppose. Frederick Ridgely goes surgeon to Baker Johnson's Battalion, if you approve, he is a fine young fellow, will you by bearer send him a commission. Doct. Adam Fisher to C. Beatty. C. S. C.

I am Gent. your most obed^t Servt

Thomas Johnson Junr.

The Honble Council of Safety of Maryland

[Jesse Hollingsworth to Council.]

January 4th 1777.

Sirs.

The Bearer Capt Jean Antoine Conture is bound for see. I have got a permit for him to proseed to Anopolis. Pleas act with him as is right. the man has behaved very well here. I have loded his Slupe with flour and aplied to Mr Coolhoon for his nesery papers, hee choos to refer them to you. Wee are going on with the Brig as fast as posible loden when shee

c. s. c. is redy. I am purchasing Pork for the Defence at 50^{s} and it cant be had for less. I shall do all I can for you.

from your Humble Servant
Jesse Hollingsworth

To the Honnorable Counsill
of Safty, Annapolis

[John Gibson to Council.]

Talbot County 4th January 1777.

Council of Safty. Gent.

I immagine ere now you've had an impeachment laid before you by Mr Chamberlaine against Jere. Colston, and others of Caroline County for forcibly taking a quantity of Salt from him. And lest you should not have the matter impartially laid before you Honors, I've thought proper at the request of the parties concerned to give a real and true State of their whole proceedings in going out in serch of salt and their coming in, viz. Colston being in extreem want of salt heard it was most likely to be had in Talbot County, and being well acquainted there, He proceeded through it making the strictest enquiry after salt, but could hear of none except that Mr Chamberlaine had ingrossed. He then went to Mr Chamberlaine with an intent to purchase, and finding him not at home, made his business known to the family, who told him Mr Chamberlaine would certainly sell him none and also heard that he had refused selling to many before. Colston went a second time, when he was disappointed in the same manner. On his return he acquainted many as he pass'd with his business and the real want he was in, for he then had 1500 w^{t} of Pork kill'd in his house, which had laid there some time for want of salt, which he could by no means procure and returned empty home again. He was then mentioning his case to his neighbours, who say'd they was in the like circumstances and knew not what to do. He then let them know he was informed Chamberlaine had a quantity of salt, at a plantation of his, (called plain Dealing) to the amount of 100 Bushels, but would not part with any of it to any person. Those men then after making the strictest enquiry after salt without success, pressed him to go with them, and seemed determined if Colston would join them, to deal plain with the ingrosser of that scarce article salt. They then proposed going with each of them a musket, and also money to buy as much as they had real present need of, which latter they would first offer to Chamberlaine's Trustee, and if he would not take the money and deliver the salt, they would take it by force, to this proposition Colston agreed, the time was appointed when to set out

on their expedition, accordingly they met and went down to C. S. C.
Plain Dealing to the amount of 17 men with muskets, (though no ammunition) where they found a number of negroes which they expected belonging to the plantation, and the Trustee from home, however his wife was, to whom they apply'd for salt, tho she as well as the negroes had their lesson, say'd there was none there, Colston told her he was credibly informed there was a considerable quantity there, which had laid some time untouched, therefore insisted to have the door of the house in which the salt lay opened, or they would break it open, at the same time telling her their necessity and likewise of the money for the quantity they wanted, as they did not mean to rob them of it, but to pay a full price, on which the woman say'd if they would not be too lavish, they might get what they wanted, and opened the door, called a negroe, and they ordered him to measure out carefully 17½ Bushels for which they paid her 35 Dollars. Then went home and wrote Mr Chamberlaine their necessity and what they had done, that if the sum they paid for the salt was not sufficient, they would still pay him the price he asked, tho' on hearing it he pursued them to Caroline County as quick as possible and took a poor lad that was a hireling to a man that sent it with them, who I immagine is still confined: the above is a true state of case, in which I make no doubt your Hon^rs^ will judge of us favourable as the case will admit of. I need not remind you of these distressing times, for that reason as no violence has been and hope you'll not think them men of seditious principles, who might be desirous of stirring up partie faction. They are by no means such. I know several of the leading men to be men of reputation, who bears and is deserving of a good a moral character as most men in the country; I could wish our leading Gent. on this side of the Bay was as little inclined to partie designs and self-interest as Colston, who was their leader of that Salt company. They have been sincere in their Country's cause and have acted like men of Spirit and principle ever since these distressing times commenced, which is more than can be said with truth of any engrosser of Salt here.

They have not passed through the country publishing the numberless and great difficulties, that we are at in carrying on the War against G. Britain, neither have they through any dastardly conduct or conversation endeavoured to disunite and weaken our cause; which too many of our first Gentlemen have done and in public acts, and speaks with such timid duplicity, which leaves the ignorant in doubt. Was they real friends to their country as they stile themselves, would they ingross that necessary article salt, and keep it from the neces-

c. s. c. sitous as they do in this county, which seems to be for no other purpose than to distress the needy (for what end?) to make the war in which we are engaged more irksome, occasion the people to mutineer and create divisions among them, these are the ends they answer. May just vengeance fall on the heads of all such traitors. The success of Howe's arms when near Philadelphia has unmasked many of our leaders here, which I'me sorry its in my power with truth to say of them, and could with truth say a great deal more to the discredit of our once leaders, which for the present must decline as time will not permit. To conclude, I've thus far given you a true discription of Colston's case, and some of the conduct of our county men, and by which you may the easier judge of the unhappy situation of the people of this shore, must beg your patience a little further while I inform you, that if you should send summons's for those Caroline men to be brought before you on Mr Chamberlaine's charge against them, I know not where it will end, especially with that Gentleman and his tory assistants, for there are not less than 3 or 400 men who have pledged their faith to each other to go at an hour's warning, and at the risk of their lives and fortunes not only release those men, but be revenged of those who occasioned such injuries to be done them, which I really believe is the truth.

I therefore hope your Honrs of the two evils will choose the least, let it pass over, as no one is injured by this conduct yet, and lest it excite more devisions among us than we already have, which are too much encouraged by crafty, designing men, against whom we ought always to be prepared to defend ourselves, by being as unanimous in all our public undertakings as possible, which is the sincere wish of Gentleman,

Your very humble Servant
John Gibson

N. B. Among other facts in the state of Mr Colston within, its set forth that Mr Chamberlaine's Trustee was not at home, which is wrong. He was at home, but sick, which occasioned his wife to act. J. G.

To The Council of Safety. Annapolis.

[John Ghiselin to Council.]

Frederick Town Md Jany 4th 1777.

Gentlemen.

I find my health so much impared by the late Campaign, that I am unable to render my country the services which I ought in honour, shou'd I continue to accept of the Commission with which I have been honoured This with some other

reasons have induced me to a resignation. I have enlisted some men who has consented to enrole with Capt. Benjamin Ford. You'll much oblige me by empowering some person here to receive and settle the remainder of the Publick money now in my hands. I am your Honours c. s. c.

Most obedient Hum^ble^ Servt

The Honble Council of Safety of Maryland John Ghiselin.

P. S. The inclosed is the commission with which I have been favour'd J. G.

[Thomas Sparrow's Memorial.]

To the Honourable The Council of Safety of Maryland.

The memorial of Thomas Sparrow, Humbly sheweth—

That agreable to the warrant your Honours was pleased to grant me for the purpose of recruiting men for the service of this State, I repaired to Dorchester county where I had had the promise of a sufficient number, and firmly believes that I could have enlisted them, but for the reasons hereafter mentioned.

I was four days on my passage from Annapolis to Cambridge, and on my arival Major Thomas Muse being dead, I was obliged to wate a week before I could acquaint your Honours therewith. Colonel Traverse knowing the disapointment I had met with, told me he was going to Annapolis, and should soon return with an answer, if I would write to have another Gentleman appointed to assist me with cash for the recruits. I waited six days after Colonel Travers's return to his House at Hooper's Island for the letter directed to Capt Daffin, which Gentleman supply'd me with a Horse to ride for it, as Col. Traverse had omitted to send it to him. I received the letter, and on my return to Cambridge, heard the corps belonging to Dorchester County was to meet at the Lightwood knot chapple. Mr Peter Carvil told he would ride to that place with me, and made no doubt but that I would enlist thirty men, as he had heard many intended to meet me there for that purpose. I had not received any cash, but as that opportunity offered, I concluded to advance the Small Sum I had to bear my expences, which if not Sufficient, Mr Carvil offered to supply me with, and to do him justice he was the only friend I had in the field who had courage enough to stand by me. I proceeded to do my duty, and undertook to read the resolve of Convention with respect to raising matrosses. One of the Company told me it was all false and if any man should enlist, he would be sent to Philadelphia, and not to Annapolis, and that they were damned fools that

C. S. C. would go to either to fight against their King. I then told him he was a Tory. another told me I should not come there to find any thing else; I told him I hoped to find it otherwise. A young man then desired to hear the proposals; I attempted to read them to him, but one of the Company struck the paper, and many of them made such a noise, that prevented me from informing those who wanted to enlist. I then put up my papers, lest they should take them from me. About an hour after a man called me aside and told me he would enlist at Cambridge, for he was afraid to do it there. Mr George Slakum overheard him, and said Dam your forty shillings, it is not worth six pence. I have gold and silver enough, and will give fifty shillings to a man either to fight for the King, or not fight against him, which of the two I am not positive, but believe I can prove both, if I can be enabled to go there for the evidences. Mr George Slakum told me I was a damned rascal in offering to enlist men against the King and they were damned fools that would go with me. I saw immediately after that in different places men whispering together, at which time a young man as he passed by me said goe off immediately or you will be murthered. I took his advice. It being dark, I knew not the road perfectly. In a few minutes I heard some horses in full speed coming after me; on which I took to the woods and made my escape for that time. It would take up too much time to relate what I suffered in that night, which had almost cost me my life. In Cambridge I received of Capt. Daffin eight pounds, which he told me was at his own risque, being bound up by the Instructions he received not to advance more than forty Shillings at one time, but as I proved to him the inconveniency attending it he advanced me more. When I came away I returned him the whole Sum advanced. I have advanced some cash to the men I have enlisted, to do which I was under the necessity to sell my sword and watch. As I have been so much disapointed in getting men, I was determined not to make use of the public money. In Cambridge I next beat up for men in the presence of many of our principal Gentlemen, being the time of the Election. I had a flag made of two sheets of small bills, which one of a mob that had raised against me, often attempted to take from the man who had it and struck him. They then proceeded to insult me, and was very industrious in advising men not to enlist. John Chalmers seeing the treatment I met with told me he had two swords and that I was welcome to one of them. I accepted of one of them and soon chased the Town of my enemies. Lieutenant James Gray was much my friend in this affair. I intended next to goe to New Market as I understood there was to be two days

races, but my friends advised me not, as It was expected many of Capt. Andrew's men would be there, and I should be used ill. I complained to many of the Committee, and in particular to Capt. Daffen and Mr Ennals who told me the night I came away they were sorry I was so ill used, but that it was out of their power to help it, and advised me to apply to your Honours, who I hope will find my Conduct in this matter to have been such as will not disgrace the warrant you Honoured me with, which conduct I am determined to pursue in any station you may think proper to place me in, if it is only a private, and hope that the trifling eregularities I have some years ago committed, may not prevent me from being prefer'd according to the services I have, and am willing to render in the present dispute. C. S. C.

January 5th 1777. Thomas Sparrow

The deposition of Levin Todd of Dorchester County aged about thirty years being sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God, saith, that he was present at the Corps Battalion of Militia of Dorchester County aforesaid, when Thomas Sparrow was recruiting there. That he heard some dispute between the said Sparrow, and a certain Edward Pearson, but on what subject this Deponent Cannot tell.

That this Deponent very soon after the said dispute began left the Battalion and further saith not.

Taken before me,

This 3d January 1777. Thos Brooke Hodgkin

The Deposition of Jacob Todd of Dorchester County aged about 20 years being duly sworn saith, That he was present at the Corps Battalion of Militia of Dorchester County aforesaid, when Thomas Sparrow was recruiting there That he heard some dispute between the said Sparrow and William Shorter upon which Sparrow told Shorter he was a tory, but Shorter said to make the worst of him he was only half a tory. That this Deponent thought the said Shorter did not behave himself well and reprimanded him, and soon after left the Place, and further saith not.

Taken before me,

This 3d January 1777. Thos Brooke Hodgkin.

[Stephen Steward to Council.]

Gentellman. West River January the 5th 1777.

I hear inclose you Lux and Bowley's letter, you will thare observe the congress has taken the cable I had maid for the Galley, at this rate it is impossible for me to tell when I shall

c. s. c. git the Galley to you. That Cable was a grat dle to large for Capt. Hamond juded it must half fill the Schooner up. the Brigg Brothers Mr Hollingsworth bought for you I think has three cables two Bowers and a stern Cable. She may do very well without the Stern Cable, it is of no use to them in the West inges, and if she gos to any part of old France they must have more with their two Bowers, and thare is plenty of cable to be got there, the stern cable will sut Captain hamond if you will order it so I shall then git a cable for the Galley, thare was many things might bin taken out off the Brigg by a hand thats a proper Judg. that would be of grat servis to the States navy and she go well found to sea. I am Gentillmen

Your most obedient Servant

The Honble Council of Safety at Annapolis — Stephen Steward.

Stephen is now on his way to Saml Dorseys to se after guns for the Galley I hope the congress will not take all the guns with the schooner.

[David Moore to Council.]

Gentlemen. Frederick Town January 5th 1777

I received p^r Genl Johnson the first Major's Commission for the Linganore Battalion, dated the 28th December 1776, and finding Capt. Wells Commissioned Lieutenant Coll^l in consequence (I suppose) of the certificate he was so officious with. I therefore resine my commission into your hands again for no other reason than that I am determined not to serve under any officer that was returned in that certificate. Unless the Battalion concur in and agree to the measure, for they whole at that meeting did not amount to 150 rank and file, therefore conclude it unjust that the majority of the Battalion should be bound by the minority. Beside the election was conducted with the greatest impropriety, thare maner of voting was that they whole field officers should be voted for at once, and the highest on the pole to be first Colonel &c. and by that maner of voting a person that's popular for any under officer, will undoubtedly be first Colonel, or higher than they people intended, and this to my certain knoledge was the case and they officers put in contrary to intention of the people themselves, but if any other customary meathod to recomend be fell upon that is justifiable I will serve with the greatest chearfulness in any office in the Battalion and march at the shortest notis. They companys all hold themselves in readyness against they officers be commissioned agreable and think they will turn out generaly, to incourage which has been the unremited indeavour of, Gentlemen,

The Honble Council of Safety of Maryland — Your humble Servant David Moore.

Monday, January 6. 1777 C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on Saturday.

Permit granted to Johan Anthony Contrire Master of the Sloop Desire, to proceed from the Port of Annapolis to the Island of St Domingo.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Deams blue Knap and Bays sufficient for 86 mens Suits, 86 Pair of Shoes and 86 Shirts.

Ordered That the said Commissary reserve Cloth enough for the Matross Companies in the Service of this State.

Copy of Letter N° 86 was sent to General Chamberlaine, Copy of N° 87 to Beman Eichelberger, and Copy of N° 88 to Jesse Hollingsworth.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Frederick Deams two hundred Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to the Clerk thirty Pounds for Expresses.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Johnson for the use of Francis Burgess forty two Pounds.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Chamberlaine.] C. S. C. No. 86.

Sir. Jany 6th 1777.

We are much at loss how to proceed in the military line for want of proper information from the Commissioners, and are sorry that you are under such circumstances that it is not in your power to give us the satisfaction we require. Col Rumsey is engaged with the Militia under his command, Mr Contee, we have heard, is ill, and Mr. Hanson, from the distance between us, we fear will not attend. These considerations we doubt not will weigh with and induce you to come over to give us what assistance you can, more especially when we inform you that the Council of Safety have chosen you a member of that Board, which being thin, your attendance is the more necessary. We are very certain that the want of salt creates much uneasiness, every day proves more and more the melancholy truth; therefore it is undoubtedly incumbent upon every person having more of that article than will answer his immediate wants, to spare to those who are distressed. We know of no vessel lately arrived with a quantity of salt belonging to the public, but if there had, you must be sensible that and much more would be required by us to comply with the order of the late Convention. We have certain advice that seven thousand Bushels of salt have been imported into Baltimore in the course of last week, it would therefore be well for some who can do it, to send a vessel or

C. S. C. two which, we apprehend, may be got with convenience and ease to that port and bring down a parcel to satisfy the present necessary calls of the people We are, Sir, &c

To Brigadier General Chamberlaine

No. 87. [Council to Eichelberger.]

Jany. 6, 1777

Sir. Captain Teams informs us you have a large quantity of coarse woollens fit for Soldiers. If so and it is not too high priced, as we have bought such from ten to fifteen, we will take it of you. Should the price and quality be as above described you will let Capt. Teams have enough for his company and send us some samples for the rest. We are, &c.

To Mr. Barnaby Eichhenberger.

No. 88. [Council to Hollingsworth.]

In Council of Safety Jany 5th 1777.

Sir. Mr Steward is of opinion that the Cable made by Messrs. Lux and Bowley for one of our Galleys is much too large for Captain Hammond's Vessel and that the Brig's stream Cable would suit the Jenifer better; should this be the case, apply to the Honourable Board of War and if it is of the same opinion, we shall be obliged by the exchange as the Galley in Mr Steward's yard is nigh ready. We are &c.

To Mr. Jesse Holingsworth.

[B. Mackall Seth to Council.]

Gent. Calvert County Jany 6th 1777

Mr Leavin Mills has applied to me for an order on the Council for his money as Adjutant to the Fifteenth Battalion. he was appointed to that office the 7th day of March 1776, agreeable to a Resolve of Convention. You will, I hope, discharge the account as he has faithfully done his duty.

I am, Gentlemen
Your most humble Servt
Ben. Mackall Seth.

The Honble The Council of Safety
of Maryland

C. S. J. Tuesday Jany 7, 1777.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Thomas Contee Esquire a member of the Council attended, and was qualified before Mr Hall by taking the Oath prescribed by the Convention.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to William Thomas Eighteen Pounds. C. S. J.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jane Ball three Pounds fifteen Shillings.

Copy of Letter N° 89 was sent to John Crockett, and Copy of N° 90 to Capt. Nath. Smith.

Ordered That Doct^r Tootell let Doctor William Murray have half a Pound of Bark.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Crockett.] C. S. C. No. 89.

Jany 7, 1777

Sir. Your Ticklenburg we will take provided it is suitable for Tents, as you say; but we wish you had sent us a Sample of it. Capt. Nathaniel Smith will look at the Ticklenburgh, and if he thinks it will do for the purpose of tents, you will inform us thereof. We are Sir &c.

To Mr. John Crockett.

[Council to N. Smith.] No. 90.

January 7th 1777

Sir. We have before us a petition from the Serjeants, Corporals and private men of your Company relative to the Pay, Rations &c. The former it is not in our power to alter, but you may assure them that we will lay it before the Assembly at their meeting, and doubt not their Request in that particular may be gratified. As to the rations we beg you will enquire into it, and have it rectified, if the Victualler fails on his part. Vinegar and Indian meal are articles, we conceive, may be easily supplied, and those they complain of wanting. Molasses indeed he may find some difficulty in procuring, and therefore if not to be had, ought to be made up with something else. We beg the favour of you to examine some Ticklenburg offered to us by Messrs Vanbibber and Crockett and inform us if you think it will do for tents, if it will we agree to take it. We are &c.

To Capt. Nathan^l Smith.

[George Cook to Council.]

Honble. Gent. Baltimore, January 7th 1777.

I wrote you from Philadelphia wherein I inform of the People's deserting and entring in the land Service there is upwards of forty that did not return and those who did say their time of entry is expir'd, which I cannot contradict, not

C. S. C. being able to get the time of their entry from Mr Turnbull, tho' repeatedly have asked for it, this uncertain condition causes a great perplexity. however from every circumstance I think it best to settle with the whole of them, and endeavour to reenter as many as possible I can. the Frigate has opened a rendevouz by which means they get most of the Seamen in this place, it would enable me to get men for the ship much sooner, if you should approve of our opening a house of that kind likewise, I arive here on Saturday and should have wrote you sooner, but thought of waiting on you which I now have declin'd, as I expect to have one side of the Ship out tomorrow and properly cleaned this week. I intend to engage the Seamen for the ship during the warr if possible, but hope you'l be pleased to write me fully the manner you'l have them entered, and what encouragement they may expect as to Prize money which bears great weight with them, for should it be less than in the Continental service, it will be with difficulty they'l enlist. I shall use my utmost endeavour to get the Ship ready as quick as possible. Your letter to me wherein you directed me to employ an attorney to put in a claim for the Snow George, I did not recieve till the day I set out for Philadelphia, the hurry in setting of prevented me from speaking to Mr Buchanan to do it, so that there was no claim laid. An appeal to Congress will be easily done by a few lines from you to Mr Chase, or who else you may approve of.

I have the Honor to be Honble Gent.

Your most obedt Humble Servt Geo. Cook.

The Honble Council of Safety of Maryland
at Annapolis

P. S. I should have enclosed you a list of those deserted at Philadelphia but have not one made out, but shall send one by the first opportunity and should be glad to know whether I shall advertise them or not. G. C.

Original. [Aquila Hall to Council.]

Gent. The Bearer, Mr. James Allison has a mind to enter into the service of his Country, he is a man of Courage, and is a Friend to the Common Cause, he will accept of an Ensign or second Lieutn Commission, if they are not all provided for. I am Gentn yr Hum. Servt

Harford Jany the 7th 1777 Aquila Hall.

C. S. J. Wednesday, January 8. 1777.

Council met. Present as yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Gordon seven hundred and forty one Pounds two Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain James Tootell ninety seven Pounds thirteen Shillings and six Pence. C. S. J.

That the said Treasurer pay to Gerrard Hopkins six Pounds one Shilling and four Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mary Cayton and Mary Dunn (two Distressed Widows of Soldiers who died fighting in Defence of their Country) three Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Levin Mills sixty one Pounds four Shillings.

Copy of Letter N° 91 was sent to Mr Christopher Lowndes.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Lowndes.] C. S. C. No. 91.

January 8th 1777.

Sir. We shall be obliged by your pushing forward the Cordage Manufactory as fast as you possibly can, and you may depend upon every necessary assistance that you may stand in need of from our Board. We are, &c

To Mr. Christopher Lowndes.

[Samuel Chase to Council.] Original.

Gentlemen. Wednesday Morning

We remain in the most anxious suspense, Some important event has taken place, but we are unable to inform the particulars.

The enclosed is a copy of a letter from the Committee of Congress to Mr Hancock. I have no leave to make it public. I send it to give you all the intelligence in my power, it may be shewn but not printed. Our State is still unrepresented and every day matters of the greatest importance are debated and determined in congress.

I am afraid our recruiting service will be greatly injured unless satisfaction be given to the officers. I believe many reasons will occur to convene the General Assembly as soon as possible. Many reports from Somerset County cause uneasiness here, and if true, demand speedy and vigorous measures.

I have just heard of this Conveyance and drop this line from Grants Tavern. I am, Gentlemen, with Respect,

Your obedient Servant

Saml Chase

The Honble The Council of Safety of Maryland
Annapolis

C. S. C. [Morris and others to Hancock.]

Philadelphia Jany 5th 1777
10 o'clock

We have no certainty to this Hour, except the substance of current reports by various hands. Genl Washington drew up his army and took post on the hills on this side Trenton Bridge. he caused large fires to be made and kept up. He had received certain intelligence that Genl Howe, with a considerable reinforcement, was on his march from Prince Town to join the main body at Trenton, he decamped in the middle of that night, made a forced march, met Mr Howe about Maidenhead, or Quaker Bridge, gave him battle, put him to the Rout, and took 500 to 700 prisoners, pushed forward, took possession of Prince Town at the point of Cannon, with a number of officers of the 40th regiment, and this morning we are told he was still preparing and determined to push on to Brunswick, where are all the Enemy's valuable stores &c. That part of the Enemy's army that possessed the part of Trenton on the other side of the Bridge never discovered Genl W$^{'s}$ march until they heard the engagement. They then took possession of all the Heights, and remained under arms until about 11 o'clock, when they marched off by the Prince Town Road, in order, as is supposed to get on the other side of our army, and join there Genl Howe. Genl Putnam marched from hence yesterday with about 600 men, 500 follow to day and more are coming in every hour. We hear various reports of Genl Heath being again on this Side the North River, and of the New England Militia coming down ag^{t} N. York.

Rob. Morris
Geel Gune
Geo. Walton

To Mr Hancock

[Lowndes to Jenifer.]

Sir. Bladensburg Jan 8th 1777

I am favoured with yours of the 8th Instant, and agreable to what you recommend, I shall pursue such steps as I think most promising in order to secure the quantity of hemp that will be sufficient for your cordage you want from me, my thanks are due for your offer of assistance in case I should want it, but I flatter myself I have materials that will purchase the quantity mentioned in your first letter, and further then that I desire not to go. Speculation when goods run so high I wish not to meddle with, though should you think it necessary to have a greater quantity than ten tons from me, then indeed I have doubts of my ability to deposite ready money, and nothing but ready cash will go down with those folks.

Shou'd any further intelligence be necessary be pleased to communicate it to C. S. C.

Sir.

Your most obed^t Servant.

Chris. Lowndes.

The Honble Daniel of St. Thos. Jenifer Esq.
at Annapolis

Thursday, Jany 9 1777. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Captains and commanding Officers of the Battalion and independent Companies who served under the Command of General Smallwood the last Summer, make up their Accounts with the Soldiers, and Returns by which Pay Abstracts may be made out to the 10th of December last, as soon as possible, and deliver them to C. Richmond, at the Coffee house in Annapolis, in Order that the money may be drawn, the men paid off, and the Accounts finally closed immediately.

Ordered that the above be inserted in the Maryland Gazette.

Copy of Letter N° 92 was sent to Capt. George Cook, Copy of N° 93 to Col. Charles Rumsey, Copy of N° 94 to General Buchanan, Copy of N° 95 to Samuel Baxter, Copy of N° 96 to the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County, Copy of N° 97 to John Hanson Esq; and Copy of N° 98 to R^d Mason Esquire.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Capt. William Galbraith one hundred and fifty four Pounds two Shillings and eight Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Stephen Steward five hundred Pounds.

That the said Tresurer pay to Capt. Nathaniel Smith eighty Pounds three Shillings and five Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Charles Wallace Esquire Paymaster One thousand Pounds.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Cooke.] C. S. C. No. 92.

January 9th 1777.

Sir, We have the pleasure of your favour of the 7th and are sorry to find so many of your men have left you, the only way to replace them is to open a Rendezvous and offer the same Pay and Terms in every Respect, that the Continent does, we cannot expect to get them on lower, of this Proposition of yours we approve and would further submit to your

C. S. C. consideration, if it would not be well to send your Tender to the mouth of Potomack, or any other place you may think better, and there open a Rendezvous, you may by this step forward the Enlistment.

We send you the Time of Entry from Mr Turnbull for your Government. You will, we doubt not, expedite the Defence all in your power. Delay is dangerous, and much may depend upon her hastily getting to Sea. Be pleased to apply to Mr Chase and show him our letter, he will do what is necessary relative to the Snow Georgia We are &c.

To Capt. G. Cooke.

No. 93. [Council to Rumsey.]

January 9th 1777.

Sir, We have been informed that in consequence of the application of Congress to the Committee of your county, the militia of it have been held in readiness to march, and as it may be you may wait for the orders of General Chamberlaine, we inform you that he has resigned his commission; therefore you'll be pleased without further delay to act in conformity to what has or may be required of you by Congress.

To Col. Charles Rumsey. We are, Sir, &c.

No. 94. [Council to Buchanan.]

Jany. 9, 1777.

Sir, We received your letter by Vincent Trapnell, who came down to the Council of Safety in consequence of your advice to him, he alleged a number of facts by way of mitigation or excuse for his conduct, we gave him an opportunity of verifying those facts by affidavits or evidence to be produced, and appointed him to attend on yesterday the eighth of this month, and also wrote Captain Bosley, who came down, but Trapnell has not appeared. He sent some Depositions and wrote the weather was not good enough for him to come down; we do not think this excuse sufficient, and therefore request you would give the necessary orders to have him arrested and brought before the Board as soon as possible. Should you meet with any difficulties, you will call in the necessary assistance, and apply to the Committee of observation for their advice, should you want it. This man must not be suffered to behave in the manner he does, the example may be dangerous; we have a letter from Samuel Baxter the Collector of Middle river upper hundred who has likewise complained of obstructions in the execution of his duty. We

have wrote to him to apply to the Committee or yourself for assistance and to proceed to levy the fines. We are &c. C. S. C.

General Buchanan.

[Council to Baxter.] No. 95.

Sir. We received your letter of the 3d instant complaining of some obstructions in the execution of your duty, you have sent down no proofs or depositions to lay a proper foundation for our proceeding to call any of the persons before us.

We have wrote to General Buchanan to assist you in your duty if necessary, and we would have you apply to the Committee for their advice. If the persons who have been fined by the committee do not pay, you must put the Resolve of Convention in force by distraining their effects, and if you are resisted let us have Depositions to prove the fact, and we will call the Delinquent before us and take order therein.

9th Jany 1777 We are &c.

Mr. Samuel Baxter.

[Council to Baltimore Committee.] No. 96.

Gent. We have heretofore wrote you about the proceedings of the Whig Club in Baltimore. The power they assume of sending persons into Banishment without any cause assigned is expressly contrary to the twenty fifth section of the Declaration of Rights, to which we beg leave to refer you.

Captain Galbraith has complained to us that one of his men who is regularly inrolled and otherwise well behaved, has been ordered to leave the town; we request you would enquire into the affair and let us know what proceeding has been had on the occasion, and what foundation there was for it. We intend not to countenance Tories or disaffected persons, but we wish the peace of the State to be preserved, and that all offenders should be punished according to the law of the land. And we again recommend to you, Gentlemen of the Committee, to discountenance such arbitrary and extrajudicial proceedings. We are &c.

Committee of observ. for
Baltimore County.

[Council to Hanson.] No. 97.

Jany 9th 1777.

Sir. Mr Contee is now with our board & therefore you need not attend the Council on the business we informed you of We are &c

John Hanson Esq.

C. S. C.
No. 98.

[Council to Richard Mason.]

Jany 9th 1777.

Sir. We here send you a copy of a confession made by James Larey before Mr Hayward one of the Justices of the Provincial Court, in which confession he alleges that several persons were concerned with him in taking salt from Mr Chamberlaine, we conceive the Assembly will not intermeddle with offenders, but have them tried by the Courts of the Countys in which offences are committed.

We therefore request you to call Larey before you and all the other persons mentioned in Larey's confession and make them recognize for their appearance at the next Court to be held at Talbot County there to be tryed or discharged by due course of Law. We are &c.

Mr. Richard Mason.

[Jesse Hollingsworth to Council.]

Sirs. Baltimore Jan^ry 9th 1777.

This day the Ship was sold at 4400 Pound. I bid as far as 4350 and as you never told mee any thing about her, I thought best not to go to far. I wrote you sum time ago about her, but not receving your answer to that matter I did not now how to act. I shall lode the Brig as fast as posible with tobaco, flour and bread, the carpenters are overhalling her, I have pork and beef enuf for the Defence, and to spare for other vesells.

I wated on the Counsill of war about the Cabble from Capt. Larkin hammons but they would do nothing in it without Capt. Hammond's consent, and hee would not agree to part with his cabble at any rate. So that there could bee nothing done. Pleas write if I must purchase any more vesells. I consulted with Capt. Joseph Nicolson who was on the spot, and hee aproved of my condukt as to the Ship.

from your Humble Servant
Jesse Hollingsworth

The Honourable Counsill of Safety

[T. Johnson, Jr., to Council.]

Gent. January 9th 1777

I inclose you a letter which I received from Col^o Bruce and shall be glad you'd send a commission for Charlton, the very little care taken of our men last fall has a bad effect on the minds of many

I am Gentlemen
Your most obed^t Servt
Th. Johnson Junr

The Honble Council of Safety
of Maryland

[Norman Bruce to Gen. Johnson.] C. S. C.

Sir. January 9th 1777.

I am favoured with yours along with the Commissions. Doct. Buchanan, when I told him you had sent for his Commission, asked me what his pay would be. I answered him, that I did not remember exactly, but believed it to be about 30 or 33 dollars a month. He said that he could not and would not go under fifteen pounds, I told him it would have been proper in him to have known the pay before he asked for the birth, for that it was not in my power to make it better. After this I was applied to by Mr Thomas Charleton who is desirous of going out as surgeon. I informed him how we are circumstanced with Buchanan and therefore refer him to you. Buchanan seemed resolved when I parted from him not go unless the pay is fifteen pounds, nor would I wish to force him if we can get another. Mr Charleton's abilities I know nothing of, but they must be poor if they are not equal to Doct. Buchanan. You will be so good as to order in this matter, what you think best and oblige, Sir

Your very obedient Servant,
Norm. Bruce.

To Brigr Genl Thos. Johnson.

Friday, January 10, 1777. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Commissions issued to

Patrick Watson	appointed Captain
Abraham White,	first Lieut.
Jacob Fletcher	Sec. Lieut. and
Michael Null,	Ensign of a Company of

Militia in Col. Beatty's Battalion.

To Nicholas White appointed Captain in said Battalion.

To Adam Fischer appointed Surgeon to said Battalion.

And to Frederick Ridgely appointed Surgeon to Col. Baker Johnson's Battalion.

Copy of Letter N° 99 was sent to Brigadier General Johnson, and Copy of N° 100 to Samuel Chase Esquire.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Gen. Johnson.] C. S. C. No. 99.

Jany 10, 1777

Sir. The honorable Congress have not thought proper to communicate their intention of ordering out the Militia of this State to our Board in any other manner than verbally by Col°

C. S. C. Ewing, which we intimated in our first letter. Since that, we have received a copy of their requisition transmitted to the Committees from one of our Delegates in Congress, so that we have always had doubts how far it would be proper for us to interfere. The Militia being to march under the requisition of Congress addressed to the several Committees of observation.

Your commission gives you the right to command, and we are desirous you should take the command of the whole Militia from this State in case you determine to go under the requisition of Congress. We cannot be more explicit. Your going or not we leave to your own discretion.

The arms heretofore belonging to this State furnished the Flying Camp were stopt in Philadelphia or that neighbourhood by the Board of war, acting, we presume, under the authority of congress. A copy of their order we send inclosed. We know not whether the General Assembly will consider those arms as our property. We make no doubt all the militia have been furnished them. Many have been lost or changed for worse arms. Congress is responsible to us for the deficiency at least, and we apprehend it would be improper to give an absolute order for them until the point is settled. We take it for granted arms will be found you by order from the Board of war at Phil[a] and there we request you to apply. Congress have said in their requisition arms should be furnished. 500 pairs of shoes we have sent forward to Jesse Hollingsworth through the stages, to be sold out to the soldiers at 12/6 under your directions, and we have sent by the post the commissions you wrote for. We heartily wish you success in the military line, since it seems to be your choice and would gladly gratify you in every thing, but we apprehend it may involve this State in a dispute about the arms. Should we give you an absolute order, it would be an evidence against us that we consider them as our own, which we think at present would be a disadvantage to the State. Few or none of the good arms we fear will be got at any rate, and we should be extremely obliged to you to enquire into the affair and let us know your opinion when you get to Philadelphia, what arms that did belong to this State can now be got.

We are, &c.

To Brigadier General Johnson.

No. 100. [Council to Chase.]

Jan[y] 10, 1777

Sir. We are much obliged to you for the intelligence you have communicated, and most cordially congratulate with you

on the promising appearances our affairs have at present in the Jerseys, we hope the enemy will soon be driven entirely out of that State. C. S. C.

A second lieutenant of Col. Hall's Battalion has applied to us for an order on the Treasury for money: We think some of the field officers the most proper persons to give out money to, and our request is that money sufficient for recruiting each Battalion may be given out to the Col. or commanding officer of the Battalion where it has not been already done by the Commissioners. This will be attended with some trouble, and occasion frequent applications to Congress: we are therefore of opinion that the easiest and best method would be for the Honble Congress to supply the Board with the whole bounty-money for eight Battalions, not already delivered out to the commissioners or officers, and we will then distribute to the field officers and take the receipts and transmit them to Congress.

Should they not choose to deliver it out to us in that manner, then request the Bounty money may be given out, as first above mentioned, to the Colonel or commanding officer of each Battalion as they apply, & take their receipts for the same, and should be obliged to you and the other Gentlemen Delegates for this State to apply to congress from time to time as may be necessary.

We have been deliberating about calling the Assembly, and are not yet determined. We doubt the severity of the weather will make it exceedingly disagreable crossing the Bay and attending the Assembly in the very dead of Winter, and therefore do not think of calling the two Houses together, unless the necessity should be more urgent, or the Delegates for Congress from this State from their knowledge of public affairs should recommend the calling them before the Day of their adjournment. Tis very little more than thirty days before the meeting of Assembly in course; were we to send expresses immediately they could not be called together sooner than the first of February; and if we have any better weather it will probably be about that time. We have wrote the several Committees of observation to encourage the new Levies all in their power, and where there are no Committees, to the Colonels and other chief militia officers. The post is not come in, we are waiting with impatience for a confirmation of the good news. We are, &c

To Samuel Chase Esquire.

[T. Johnson, Jr., to Council.]

Gent. Frederick Town 10th Jany 1777.

In Colo Beatty's Battalion commissions are wanting for Van Swearingen Junr as Captain, Frederick Stample first and

c. s. c. Philip Nutter 2nd Lieutenants and John Karn Ensign. I believe no commissions ever issued for this company. Stricker was Capt. and Heister I believe first Lieutenant (both in the regular service) Swearingen 2nd Lieutenant it was at first a minute Company. In James Johnson's Battalion, my brother writes me commissions are wanting for John Martinete as Capt. John Sleybaker first and Christian Lafever 2nd Lieutenants, and Henry Woolhite Ensign. I believe the former Captain of this company is in the regular service. the last mentioned company have marched and the first will in a day or two, on the presumption that Commissions will issue as desired, which I wish to be sent to Philadelphia. In my last I mentioned to you my intention of meeting the Linganore Battalion, and endeavouring to get them to accomodate their differences about officers. I went to the place on Wednesday, but few of the men and not quite half the officers attended my journey was fruitless, though most of those who attended declare their willingness to march, yet none of them will give up their pretensions. I inclose you Mr Sheredine's and Mr Howard's resignations, Joseph Hobbs, Nicholas Hobbs and Nathan Manyard in Basil Dorsey's company have returned their commissions. The Hobbs's refuse to act at all. Manyard I am told ought to be first Lieutenant. I have not seen Capt. Dorsey, nor heard from him though I have been at the trouble of writing twice or thrice to him, as well as to the other Captains in this Battalion, of the officers and men who met me some were desirous that Wells should be first Colonel; about the same number that Moore should be first Colonel, and about a like number that declined expressing any inclination either way, so that I do not know whose appointment would most promote the public service, yet I think it necessary commissions should issue, and be sent to the chief Colonel, as well for the command as field officers as soon as possible, perhaps by so doing we may get some of them to stir. I inclose you a list of the Captains, Lieutenants and ensigns as they stand without regard to Field officers. This list I made out from the officers who met, differing in some instances from those returned by the Companies because of refusals &c. From several unforseen delays I judged it unnecessary to proceed on Wednesday. I shall go tomorrow. I cannot but repeat my request that you'd send 1000 pair of shoes to Philadelphia. Many poor fellows will want shoes by the time they get there, and I wish you'd give me a conditional credit for blankets, if to be got, for a good many march without em. If you have it in your power too to send us a skilful physician it will be well worth while, we are badly off, and the people who go from the little care taken of their countrymen, are

very apprehensive of fatal sickness, indeed I fear that their c. s. c.
scanty cloathing will subject them to severe pleurisies

I am, Gentlemen, Your most obed^{t} Servt

The Honble the Council of Safety of Maryland — Th. Johnson Junr

[Officers in Linganore Battalion.]

David Moore, Capt.
Eph. Howard } Lieu^{ts}
Upton Sheredine }
George Beckwith, Ensign

Henry Baker, Captain
George Cobble 1st Lieut.
Anthony Lindsey 2nd Lieut.
Andrew Eggart, Ensign.

James Wells, Capt.
William Winchester 1st Lieut.
James Winchester 2nd Lieut.
John Fowler Ensign.

Henry Stephenson, Capt.
Charles Stephenson, 1st Lieut.
Henry Myers, 2nd Lieut.
William Stephenson Ensign

The commissions came right except in the description of the Battalion. Col^{o} Upton Sheredine's Battalion.

Simon Meredith, Capt. Charles Warfield 1st Lieut. Abm. Moore, 2nd Lieut. and William Gilmore ensign.

William Bresshears, Capt. Charles Stevens, 1st Lieut. Rezin Bresshears 2nd Lieut. Philip Turner Ensign.

These commissions right except as above.

Basil Dorsey, Capt. Joseph Hobbs 1st Lieut. resigned, Nathan Manyard 2nd Lieut. Jacob Coonce Ensign.

Capt. Hopple's company which was appointed by the Committee as part of the Linganore Battalion is gone I understand, with Col^{o} Bruce's Battalion.

Field officers recommended by the officers as I mentioned in a former letter, Viz.

James Wells, first Colonel, David Moore, Lieut. Col^{o} Eph. Howard, 1st Major, Joseph Wells 2nd Major, Henry Stephenson Q^{r} Master.

By the Committee

Upton Sheredine Col^{o} David Shriver, Lieut Col^{o} David Moore, Eph. Howard, Majors, Charles Warfield Q^{r} M^{r}

Field officers appointed:

Upton Sheredine, Col^{o} refuses, James Wells Lieut Col^{o} David Moore 1st Major, Eph. Howard, 2nd Major, refuses. Charles Warfield, Quarter Master, he says he'll act if agreeable to the Battalion, if not will resign. I wanted him to say yes or no in so many words, but could not get him to say so. He appears to be a good man.

C. S. C. When I was amongst the people the other day, some Gent. from Ann^s were there, from whom I learnt that some people below were buying up wheat at very high prices. They told me the conjecture was it was done to invest the paper money for fear of its falling in the purchaser's hands, it is obvious if provisions should be ingrossed from such a motive, it will bring very great distress on us; there's no existing power I believe to prevent it, but as an article of our constitution provides against retrospective laws, I submit it whether if this practice is carrying on in any very great extent, it may not be proper to forwarn people from pursuing it to lay a foundation in justice for the interposition of the Legislature.

[H. Hollingsworth to Council,]

Gentlemen. Baltimore 10th Jany 1777

I am now hear settling my bil for publick services for the Virgenia State with Congress, fully intended to have waited on your Honnours in hopes of geting credentials to the committee of Safety at Philadelphia or Lanckester, in order to obtain some of the prisoners, to work at my gun factory, if any workmen should be among them that would sute for either finishing, or lock making. Should your Honnours think fitt to furnish me with a request of this sort to either of the above Committees (or elsewhere as seem to you best) I shall with pleashure wait on them, and use my indeavour to obtain and set to work such workmen. I am in the greates want of locks for the large peices, which is the reason for trouble you at present, as I fear they will be much wanted next Campain.

I congratulate your Honnours on the great good news, but have not time for particulars, shall be hear till the return of the bearer, and am, Gentlemen,

Your most obed^t Humble Servt
H. Hollingsworth

To the Honble The Council of Safety of M^d

P. S. I mean to go to Lanckester next week in order to get a large grind stone for the Gunmill. Should therefore thank your Honnours for the credentials above, by the bearer who I shall wait the return of.

[Jesse Hollingsworth to Council.]

Sirs. Baltimore January 10th 1777

I did not by the ship yesterday, but can have her this morning for the 4400 Pounds. Shee is a fine Ship built in Philladelphia, but 4 years old, Seeder and live Oke, sales well and

compleat full riged, and is as fine a ship as ever I saw. I have sent down George Dafney express to now if I may take her for you. I think her a bargin if any ship of her sise is a bargin. Pleas let me now by Mr Dafney and as soon as posible. C. S. C.

from your humble Servant.
Jesse Hollingsworth.

The Honnorable Counsill
of Saftey at Anopolis

[Frederick Deams to Council.]

Honerable Gendlemen. Baltimore Town Jany 10th 1777.

With these few lines I let you know that I could not buy any cloth from Mr Igelberger, for he asked me 18/ shillings pr yard. I bought some in another store for 17/6, and it was allowed by several store keepers that that cloth for 17/6 was 5 shillings better as that for 18/. Now Gentlemen I would know of you if I shall send the bill of cost to you or give it to Mr Chace. I would know if you would allow my men lether britches, for they are agreed to pay the ballance of the britches out of their wages, if you are agreed, and I let you know that the first Leftennent, as you desired me to let you know, he is a wool card maker, my Leftennent Stelz is since I left you come to me again, and is well, and is will to go with me again. I would be obliged to you if you would send me the Peoples shirts and shoes, and send me stead of one shirt and one pair of shoes, two pair, for I am ready to march at every minute I have not any blankets yet, but Mr Chase promised me to give me an order for them this day.

Your humble Servant.
Frederick Deams.

To The Honnorable Counsill of
Safety at Anapulas

Saturday, January 11. 1777. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday except Mr Jenifer.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Mrs Jane Allen five Pounds nineteen Shillings and six Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mary Anns Minskie five Pounds seventeen Shillings and six Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Alexander Furnival seventy five Pounds three Shillings and three Pence; Also the further Sum of seventy five Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Snowden One hundred and thirty Eight Pounds seven Shillings.

Copy of Letter No 101 was sent to Mr Jesse Hollingsworth, Copy of No 102 to Mr Henry Hollingsworth, Copy of No 103

C. S. J. to the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County, Copy of N° 104 to Col. Robert T. Hooe, and Copy of N° 105 to Brigadier Genl Hooper.

Ordered that Brigadier General Buchanan, or in his Absence, the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County, be requested to give the proper Directions for stationing Guards of Militia, out of the Inhabitants of Baltimore Town, and the neighbourhood thereof, over the public Stores, State Prisoners and otherwise, as to him or them shall seem necessary and expedient for the Interest and Advantage of the Community.

Adjourned till Monday morning 10 O'Clk.

The End of the Book N° 2.

Test, G. Duvall Cl.

C. S. C. No. 101.

[Council to Jesse Hollingsworth.]

11th January 1777.

Sir. We received your favour of yesterday informing us that you can get the ship for four thousand four Hundred pounds, which we agree to, and beg you will take her for this State.

We are, &c

To Mr Jesse Hollingsworth.

No. 102.

[Council to Henry Hollingsworth.]

January 11th 1777

Sir, We are favoured with your's of the 10th instant, and observe what you say regarding the prisoners at Philidelphia or Lancaster who may assist you in your Gun Lock Manufactory. They being in a different State we conceive ourselves not authorized to make such a solicitation, but would recommend it to you to converse with our Delegates in Congress on the subject, which you may conveniently do, as you are on the spot, and get permission from that Body in which we wish you success.

We are, &c.

To Mr. Henry Hollingsworth.

No. 103.

[Council to Baltimore Committee.]

January 11th 1777.

Gentlemen, Captain Furnival complains, and we apprehend very justly, of the hard Duty his men are obliged to do in keeping Guard in Baltimore Town over the public Stores; we have inclosed an order to Brigadier General Buchanan to

station some of the militia in the Town and neighbourhood, so that the Guards may be properly relieved and the duty not too severe on either Matrosses or Militia. We request you would communicate the order to him, and in his abscence give directions for setting Guards of Militia accordingly. We are, &c. C. S. C.

To Committee of Observation for Baltimore County.

[Council to Hooe.] No. 104.

11th January 1777

Sir, It gives us a concern to hear that Captain Conway's vessel is without a master, and but few hands; we were in expectation of hearing that she was near being laden and just ready to sail. However, as matters are circumstanced we must do for the best, and therefore request you would immediately engage Captain Conway's brother as Captain of the vessel, if you think him deserving, and let him get what hands he can, and have the vessel loaded as soon as possible.

We are much obliged to you for your offer of doing all you can to forward the vessel, and rely on you accordingly. We would have you do for the best as if the vessel was your own.

To Col. Robert T. Hooe. We are, &c.

[Council to Hooper.] No. 105.

January 11th 1777.

Sir, We have heard from several hands some flying reports of extraordinary proceedings in the lower part of your Brigade, particularly that some disaffected persons in Somerset and Worcester Counties had talked freely of erecting the King's Standard, and had been collecting themselves into Bodies for the purpose of forming an opposition to the American cause. We request you would write to some or all of the Colonels of the Militia in those Counties to inquire into the truth of the facts alleged, and if any persons are found guilty of the Charge that they would take the necessary proofs before a magistrate, and transmit the Depositions to the Council of Safety that they may take order therein according to Law. We are, &c.

To Brigadier General Hooper.

[Jenifer to Hall.] Original.

Dr Sir: I believe we forgot to write by the Virga Post to Col. Hooe to engage Corpl Conway's Brother to go out in the

c. s. c. Molly. If we did, an Express ought in my opinion to be immediately sent, otherwise we may lose him. I was unwell last night with a pain in my shoulder wch prevented me of Rest; and as it is Cold, I do not care to venture out. With my Compliments to our Brethren, I am your affec^t^ Servt

Dan of St Tho Jenifer

Jany 11th 1777

The Express may call at Stepney with the News from the North^d^. In filling up Commissions would it not be well to pay some attention to the Governor of Martinique's friend who is a Cadet in Twilfords Comp^y^ & give him a pair of Colours. You may observe that although I am not with you yet I am thinking of your business.

For Col. Hall or any other Member of the Coun^l^ Safety.

[John Stull to Council.]

Gent^n^ Washington County January 11th 1777.

The militia of my Battalion have marched almost generally. Col^o^ Smith's Battalion are now ready, there are some of the former Commissioned officers who have gone in the German Battalion whose places are vacated in the Militia, others have been elected to serve in their room, viz. Capt. Peter Beall in the room of Capt. Wm Heyser, Jacob Ott, 1st Lieut. Michael Ott 2nd Lieut. and William Conrad, Ensign: likewise the following Gentlemen were advanced in Capt. Fackler's company, viz. Leonard Shryock to 2nd Lieut. in the room of Adam Smith and Michael Tomer, Ensign.

It is earnestly requested that Commissions may be made out for the foregoing Gentlemen, each respectively and sent by the Bearer Melcher Belsheever, who will meet the Battalion at Philadelphia. The men are spirited in the defence of Liberty, and hope no delay will be made in forwarding their Commissions, otherwise I doubt confusion may arise in their companies as they are agreeably elected, and have pledged my honour to be assistive in procuring their respective Commissions, and send an express for that purpose. I hope my request will be comply'd with, and am,

Gentlemen,

Your most obed^t^ & Humb^l^ Servt

John Stull.

The Honble Council of Safety
of M^d^ at Annapolis

[Chamberlaine to Council.]

Talbot County,

Gentlemen. January 11th 1777.

The enclosed state of Col^o^ Smallwood's Battalion and the

Independant Companies are made out from some memorandums I made in the execution of the Commission I was honoured with by the late Convention and contains every information in my power to give you was I to attend in person, I am sorry to say we found a good deal of discontent prevailing in our army and the Gentlemen very attentive to their rank. The commissioners determined that a promotion in Battalion would be doing strict justice and most likely to give general Satisfaction. C. S. C.

You have my thanks for the honour conferred upon me in the appointment to your Board and am sorry its not in my power to accept of the Trust with any tollerable conveniency. Since the beginning of the present dispute, the little I have been able to do for my country has been undertaken with chearfulness, without any consideration of my private affairs, and now finding some attention to them necessary, have allotted a few months to remain at home, that should there be any necessity of leaving them in the Spring, it may be done with more conveniency and Safety.

I have the honor to be very Respect^{ly}
Your obliged Hum^{ble} Servt
Jas. Lloyd Chamberlaine.

The Honble Council of Safety
Annapolis

[D. I. Adams to Council.]

The Honble Council of Safety, January 12th 1777.

Gent. Yesterday in the Council Room I had a slight view of the Roster, Genl Smallwood and Coll^{o} Price made out of the rank and promotion of the officers to serve in the Continental Service.

I observed in their Roster they have pointed out two modes, and left you at your choice to adopt either. The first is ranking the officers as they stood under the former resolve of Convention, when the regular Troops of this State were first raised.

The second of their Rank, when they left the State. If the former Rank is adopted, that is to say, Regular majors to command Brigadier Genl^{s} Captains to command Lt Coll^{o} Lt^{s} to command Captains and Ensigns to command Ensigns of the militia, which was the first establishment of the Troops by Convention it would be unjust. I am warranted by this assertion by the convention's reconsidering the matter and making an amendment to the former resolve, giving the Flying Camp Militia equal rank with the regulars, with this difference, that the Regular officers should command the officers of the Flying

C. S. C. Camp, of equal degree. Therefore it would not only be a peice of injustice to the Flying Camp officers, who has suffered every fatigue and hardship of the campaign, to promote the regulars according to the first resolve of Convention, but it will also tend greatly to the hurt of the Service. This I speak with confidence, well knowing that the officers of the Flying Camp would quit the service sooner than submit to have their commissions taken from them, without committing any offence, it would be submitting to what never was done, or heard of in any Service whatever. Instance Majors Forrest, Tom Smith and Howard, who gave up their companys to other officers, on their being promoted to the rank of Majors. Would it not be very unjust to take those officers commissions from them and give them Capt^ns^ Commissions, and set them out recruiting at this advanced Season, when they might have had their Companys recruited by this time, and the choice of men which would have added honor and credit to them, had they been first appointed Captains. I will only beg leave to ask your Honours, whether you could have a good opinion of a man's honor and Spirit who would Submit to any thing so much below the character of our officer and Gentleman.

If Gen. Smallwood and Coll^o^ Price want us broke (for I must give it that appellation, if our commissions are taken from us) to do us justice (or me which they may particularly point at) let them keep a watchful eye over us, and when we are guilty of any action unbecoming and unworthy the service in which we are engaged, have us tryed by a Court Martial, broke and discharg'd from the Service, then they will have an opportunity of promoting their officers.

If the last Resolution of Convention is adopted through the whole arrangement of Regular and Flying camp officers, as they went out from this State to Camp, it will bear some degree of justice, but the Flying Camp officers would retain their commissions, many of them promoted to a higher rank and many of the Regular officers lose theirs, or not rank as high as they expect they do at present, which I immagine would disgust such regular officers, and cause them to lay down their commissions after being promoted, so that adopting either mode will have its bad effects. I observe on their Roster Coll^os^ Ware, Price and Guist ranks before any officer in the Flying Camp, and the other Regular officers rank as it was settled by Convention, if those officers ought to be first promoted, by the same rule every officer in the Regular Service ought to be raised according to their rank, by the first Resolution of Convention, Genl Smallwood ask'd me in the Council Room if I did not think it unjust, I should command Captains of the Regular Service. If there is any injustice in

the case, it is equally unjust for me to command Captains of c. s. c.
the Flying Camp, as the Regular Captains command no higher than Captains of the Flying Camp. I as Brig^r Major ranked as youngest Major which in point of rank ought by the line of promotion to be promoted before any captain in the Service, but I never ask'd any such right I only ask a Lieut. Coll^ns commission in the Flying Camp, which I thought I had a right to, and there is no doubt but the Gen^t who so strongly recommended me to the commissioners were of the same opinion. It would be exceedingly hard on me, who left the Regular Service, where my commission was on a certainty, and gave it up and run my chance in the Flying Camp in order to get myself promoted (If I merited it) amongst that Corps, if they were reinlisted should now return to my former post in the Regulars and take my rise from that. This is a strange way of arguing, it appears to me, my formerly being an officer of the Regulars is a disservice to me, if I am not to be promoted.

I am, Gentlemen, with great respect,
Your most obed^t Humb^l Servt
Danl I. Adams.

The Honble Council of Safety
Annapolis

[Circular to Assemblymen.]

Jany 13th 1777

Gent. The very urgent affairs of the State oblige us as soon as possible to convene the General Assembly; we therefore request your attendance on the public business on Wednesday the 29th of this instant. Be pleased therefore to attend punctually at that time. We are, &c.

Circular Letter to each County
to the Senators and members
of the Lower house of Assembly

[Baltimore Committee to Council.]

Gentlemen. In Committee Baltimore 13th January 1777.

We received your letter of the 9th Inst. relative to the proceedings of the Whig Club, and in consequence called Mr Edwards of Capt^ns Galbraith's Company before us to give information who it was gave him notice to depart this Town, that it might enable us to summon them before us and examine into the matter, but he only produced a letter directed to him signed, Legion. We have heard there is such a body as the Whig Club, and that it is composed of great numbers, but as no individual has been pointed out we cannot take any cognizance of it.

C. S. C. This Committee have on all occasions exerted their utmost influence to preserve the peace of the State (so far as their very limited powers extend) and will continue to do it, but while the State remain in the present confusion, without any laws or any constitution it cannot be expected but that irregularities will ensue. We must therefore earnestly recommend it to your Honble Board to convene the Legislature as soon as possible that our constitution may be carried into effect and that we may be represented in Congress.

There has been an information given this day that a number of People in the upper part of this county has been forming a petition to Lord Howe, and that one Maddir can give further light into the affair. We have issued a Summons for him to attend the 21st Inst. when we will examine into the matter.

We herewith transmit to you the deposition of John Hardman a sargeant belonging to this State, who we understand may be found near French Town in Cecil County. This deposition was taken against John Ross, when he was gone to Virginia and consequently not present. On his return we called him before us and examined Elizabeth Dewit, wife to Thomas Dewit Prison Keeper, and also two witnesses in his favour, the purport of which is herewith inclosed. We have obliged him to enter into bond in the sum of five hundred dollars, conditioned that he will appear before your Board at any time you may think proper to cite him and that in the mean time he will be of good behaviour towards this and the rest of the United States.

We are Gentlemen, with Esteem, Yours,
(Signed p^r order) James Calhoun
Chairman

P. S. A former letter from your Board concerning the proceedings of the Whig Club was laid before this Committee and refer'd to a Special Committee to draw up an answer thereto, but at that time we were in the utmost hurry and confusion at this place on account of the Congress removing from Philadelphia, and the letter was by some means mislaid.

J. C.

To the Honorable Council of Safety. Annapolis.

[Affidavits in Ross's case.]

Elizabeth Dewit, wife to Thomas Dewit, Keeper of the Prison made oath that she heard John Ross drink success to Lord Howe, and that Mr Ross appear'd a little groggy at the time.

Daniel Curtis made oath that he heard John Ross drink confusion to Lord Howe and all his proceedings in the Prison, that

the Prisoners refusing to drink the same Toast, Ross told them if they would not drink his toast, they should not drink his toddy and then set down the Bowl, then the Prisoners cal'd for another Bowl, and drank confusion to Gen[l] Washington and all his proceedings. The witness saith that Ross appeared to be a little in liquor. That this was on the Wednesday, Thursday or Friday of the Court before last. C. S. C.

William Spencer made oath that some time before the last election M[r] Ross came to him to write an advertisement offering himself as a candidate for Sheriff, that upon the deponent's asking him, if he was worth one thousand pounds, and willing to take the oath prescribed in the fifty fifth section of the constitution, he said he was satisfied to take the oath, but did not know whether he was worth the £1000.

[Deposition of O'Donnell.]

On the twenty seventh day of January 1777 Before me the subscriber chairman of the Committee for said County came Constantine O'Daniel and made oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God That some time ago John Ross and Daniel Curtis in the evening came into the Goal in Baltimore town and called for a Bowl of Liquor which they had. That the said John Ross then Drank confusion to Lord Howe and Lord Dunmore and handed the Bowl to one of the Tory Prisoners in said Goal, desiring he might drink the same, but the said Tory Prisoner refused. whereupon the said John Ross took the Bowl out of said Prisoners hand telling him if he would not drink his (the said Ross's) toast he should not drink out of his Bowl he might get a Bowl for himself. And further saith not. Constantine O'Donnell.

Sworn Before Ja[s] Calhoun.

[Deposition of Hardman.]

Baltimore Sct. This day John Hardman sargeant in the Company of Regulars belonging to this state lately commanded by Edward Veazey Esq[r] came before me the subscriber chairman of the Committee of Baltimore County and did depose as followeth: That he being one of the guard who escorted the North Carolina Prisoners lately sent from Philadelphia to Baltimore Town under the command of Captain Winder, did on Saturday evening the 21st Instant call in at the Prison to see the Prisoners with whom he had travelled from Philadelphia, and ordered some Toddy to be made for them, at which time a certain person (who he has since learned is

C. S. C. named Ross, & who has been described to him, as being lately sub-sherif of this County & Keeper of the Poor House) did come in & seemed to enter into a very friendly conversation with the Prisoners amongst whom this Deponent was sitting: That the said person took up the Bowl of Toddy which he had called for, and drank damnation to General Washington & his army & success to Lord Howe & his army. That this Deponent suspecting the said Person on his coming into the room to be a tory from his deportment towards the Prisoners, he strictly attended to him, & upon his drinking the aforementioned toast he perceived one of the Prisoners whisper him the said Ross, which he conceived to be to inform him who this Deponent was. That immediately after, the said Ross began to alter his tone, and took up the Bowl & drank Damnation to General or Lord Howe. That this Deponent then challenged the said Ross for his conduct & told him he would mark him & accordingly took pains to enquire at several persons who the said person was, & from whom he received the aforementioned account of him:

John Hardman:

Sworn before In Balto. Decr the 23^{d} 1776. Ja^{s} Calhoun.

[Thos. Smyth to Jenifer.]

Sir. Chester Town January the 13th 1777.

The Bearer hereof John Sturges waites on the Council to acquaint them that he has finished the wooden Bottles which they directed me to contract with him for.

I have purchased about 20.000 lbs. of Pork and believe 5000 & 6000 lbs. of beef which I believe is nearly all that is to be purchased in this Quarter, and am with much respect.

Gent. your most obedt. Servt

Thos Smyth.

The Honble Danl of St. Thos Jenifer Esqr
President of the Council of Safety in Annapolis

[John Crockett to Council.]

Gentlemen. Baltimore January 13th 1777.

Mr Nathaniel Smith has examined the Ticklenburg, and thinks it will answer for tents, and I now want your order to deliver it, and should be glad how soon you could have it taken away. Before your favour of 7th Inst. came to hand, with the concurrence of the others concerned in the Peggy here, I had dispatched a person to Capt Hond with orders for him to have the powder and every thing else saved, brought

here by way of Norfolk. There being so many persons interested in the powder and other cargo on board that vessel, I conceived it would be very difficult to settle the loss, unless every thing was brought here. C. S. C.

Should that not be agreeable to you, I can yet give orders to have the whole of the Powder sold there.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your most obed^t Humb^l Servt
John Crockett

The Honble Council of Safety
Annapolis

[Jesse Hollingsworth to Council.]

Sirs. Baltimore January 13th 1777.

I shall have the Ship Liddie delivered to mee to morer at £4400 Pounds. I think shee is a bargin, and that I should bee very glad, if Capt. Celty could bee aquainted with it, as hee promist hee would go out in her, if the Counsill of Saftey got her. Pleas aquaint him by first opertunity, or by expres, as there must bee god men got for her emedetly and I think him fit for that task. Pleas send by him a sum of money fit for her purchase and cargo. I shall prepare for her Tobaco, flour and Bread, but want your more perticuler orders, how much of eether. from your Humble Servt
Jesse Hollingsworth.

Honble Counsill of Saftey, Anopolis

[John Hanson, Jr., to Jenifer.]

Sir. Frederick Town January 14th 1777.

The Bearer hereof Lawrence Myers was a first Sergeant in a company of the late Flying Camp, and as such I presume you will find him mentioned in Col^o Griffith's list of the officers of the Battalion. He now waits on your Honble Board in hopes of promotion, and from the character I have had of him from several of the officers, I think he deserves it.

I am with great Esteem & Regard
Sir, Your most Humb^l Servant
John Hanson J^r

The Honble Danl of St. Thos. Jenifer Esq.
President of the Council of
Safety, Annapolis

[Council to Harrison.]

Sir. 14. Jany 1777

This State is in great want of Beef to salt up for the army & you can purchase a quantity we will upon the first notice

C. S. C. send you salt to have it cured for good Marsh beef we would give 35/ pr C & for stalled Beef 45/ & for your trouble will allow you 5 pc. Com^{n}

Col. Rob. Harrison

C. S. J. Wednesday, January 15. 1777.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Commissions issued to Peter Beall appointed Captain, Jacob Ott, first Lieutenant, Michael Ott, second Lieutenant, and William Conrod, Ensign of a Company of Militia in Washington County.

Also to Leonard Shryock, second Lieut. and Michael Tamer, Ensign of a Company in said County.

Also to James Smith first Lieutenant of Captain William Brown's Company of Matrosses.

Copy of Letter N° 106 was sent to Col. Stull, and Copy of N° 107 to Plummer Williams.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Mrs Sands (of John) three Pounds five Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to Oliver Whiddon four Pounds ten Shillings.

Whereas the odious Practice of forestalling and Ingrossing is more particularly at this Time prejudicial to the State by enhancing the Price of Provisions, so that neither the Army, on which the Fate of America depends, nor Individuals can be supplied on reasonable Terms, and the honorable Congress having recommended to the executive Powers of this and the neighbouring States to limit the Price of Provisions, It is therefore earnestly recommended to all Committees of Observation, and other well disposed Persons, Inhabitants of this State, to enquire after and take notice of such as are guilty of the Offences aforesaid, and return their names, together with the names of the Witnesses who can prove the Charge, to the Council of Safety, or to the Justices of the several County Courts, that such Delinquents may be proceeded against according to Law.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. [Council to Stull.]

Jany 15th

Sir In consequence of your favour of the 11th instant, we have made out and under cover you will receive the commissions you desired. The spirited behaviour of your Battalion has done the officers & men great honour. We are &^{c}

Col. Stull

[Council to Planner Williams.] C. S. C.

Sir Jany 15, 1777 No. 107.

This State is in great want of Beef to salt up for the Army. We are informed that a quantity may as readily be procured in your neighbourhood as any other part of the State, and have therefore sent you one hundred bushels of salt to cure what may be had. We would give 35^s pr. ct. for good marsh beef c 45^s for stalled Beef, and for your trouble allow 5 pr. C^t commission on the cost of the Beef and cask. Pay the charges of curing. The tallow to be dried up for the use of the State.

Mr. Planner Williams.

[Council to Robt Harrison.] No. 107.

Jany 14th 1777

Sir. This State is in great want of Beef to salt up for the army. If you can purchase a quantity, we will upon the first notice find you salt to have it cured; for good marsh Beef we would give 35^s pr. ct., and for stalled Beef 45^s, and for your trouble we will allow you 5 pr. ct. Commissions.

Col. Robt Harrison We are, &c.

Thursday, January 16, 1777. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Copy of Letter N° 108 was sent to Mr Jesse Hollingsworth, Copy of N° 109 to Mr Gerrard Hopkins, and Copy of N° 110 to Thomas Smyth Esquire.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Henry Yost One hundred and forty two Pounds twelve Shillings and six Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Alexander Waters four Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Kiltie twenty Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Claypoole One hundred and ninety Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to the honorable Matthew Tilghman Esquire three Pounds thirteen Shillings and four Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mrs Sands three Pounds fifteen Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Fisher thirty one Shillings and nine Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Middleton two hundred and fifty Pounds.

Commission issued to Clement Smith appointed Surgeon's Mate to the Ship Defence.

Adjourned till next Day 10 OClock in the morning.

C. S. C.
No. 108.

[Council to Jesse Hollingsworth.]

Jany 15th 1777

Sir. Capt. Kelty comes up to take the command of the Ship you purchased for us the other day, also to look out for men. We should be obliged to you to let us know whether a Cargo of Tob° could be got for her speedily at Baltimore Town and at what price, also in what time she could be loaded with Flour & the price of it. Be pleased to let us hear from you, we request you would buy a quarter cask of good wine, and a hogshead of Rum, and send down for the hospitals as soon as you can, we have many sick soldiers and they are in want of both spirit and wine. We are &c.

Mr. Jesse Hollingsworth

No. 109.

[Council to Gerard Hopkins.]

Jany 16, 1777

Sir. The board received a letter from Capt Nathaniel Smith of the 12th inst:, informing them that Messrs Vanbibber & Crockett had a quantity of Ticklenburgh that would answer well for tents. Be pleased to receive the ticklenburgh and have it made into proper Tents with all expedition. You'll forward the amount of the ticklinburgh to the Council as soon as convenient.

Mr. Gerard Hopkins. We are, &c.

No. 110.

[Council to Smyth.]

Sir. We are much obliged for your favour in purchasing Beef and Pork, and should be glad you could purchase a further quantity, we have advanced our price and now give 35s for Beef fed on the marshes, 45s for stall fed Beef and from 45s to 50s for Pork, and allow 5 pr ct. Commission to the purchaser. Should you want more cash, you may have it by sending us a line. We request you would receive the remaining two hundred pr. of shoes from James Claypole and let us know how our gunsmiths go on by your next.

Jany 15th 1777. We are &c.

Thomas Smyth Esqr

[Jesse Hollingsworth to Council.]

Sirs. Baltimore January 16th 1777.

I this day am aplied to by Capt. Kook for sum sutable plase as a Standing warfe with warehouses and all other con-

venient houses, yards, and conveniences of all kinds for the C. S. C.
Province use to contain provisions, sales, riging of all sorts, a dwelling house, yard and weell to be Cept for the States use with a proper man to receive and deliver stores and neses-seryes of all kinds, I have the conveniencies compleat, and a man proper for that purpose, and as the State has number of vesells it would be a home for them and their men at all times, as to the conveniencies Capt. Kook can inform you, and the man I will undertake for his honesty and care.

I wish Capt. Kelty could be got up to the Ship. Pleas send me by Capt Cook 4000 thousand Pounds, I have advanst him £1000 for his Ships use, and the sum for the new Ship is wanted, and hers and the Brigg's Cargoes I am now purchasin for you tobaco and flour as fast as possible.

from your humble Servt
Jesse Hollingsworth.

Honble Counsill of Saftey at Anopolis

Mr Steward has seen your letter and it is all right. I think to see you in a day or two and say more about many matters.

Excuse hast and bad writing, from your friend and

Humble Servt.
Jesse H.

[J. Auchenleck to Cook.]

Sir. Ship Defence 16 Jany 1777.

When I mentioned to you my intentions of leaving the Ship Defence you was desirous of knowing my reasons for so doing. I have here sent you them in writing. In the first place I need expect no further preferment in the servise, as I find the officers of the Soldiers are prefered before the sea officers. An other objecktion is I doe not think the Ship will be mand for sea this winter and I look on it to be losing time to continue by her when I may have an opportunity of expending the time to more advantage. Not but I have the greatest esteem for the servise, and would doe all that in my power lies for the benefite of the same. With respeckt to you Capt. Cook, I must allways in point of Honour, and gratitude aknoledge you the officer Seaman and my friend therefore must request you to continue the harmony that has subsisted betwixt us, and am yours, To Command &c.

J. Auchenleck.

To
Capt. George Cook Esq.

Friday, January 17, 1777. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Copy of Letter No 111 was sent to his Excellency Patrick Henry junior Esquire, Governor of Virginia, Copy of No 112

C. S. J. to Mr Jesse Hollingsworth, Copy of N° 113 to Brigadier General Thomas Johnson, and Copy of N° 114 to Col. James Wells.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Henry Stonestreet twenty four Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Sturges' sixty two Pounds ten Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mrs Rachel Meroney thirty seven Shillings and six Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Deale two Pounds six Shillings; Also the further Sum of thirteen Pounds seventeen Shillings and nine Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Slade three Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Nicholas Maccubbin two hundred and eighty two Pounds ten Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. George Cooke fifteen hundred Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to the said Captain Cooke for the use of Mr Jesse Hollingsworth One thousand Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. William Brown One hundred Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Contee Esquire for the use of Mr John Harrison two hundred and twenty five Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Caleb Hazle Eighteen Shillings and nine Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jacob Brice for the use of General Smallwood two hundred Dollars.

Commissions issued to Van Swearingen appointed Captain, Frederick Stample, first Lieut. Philip Miller, 2d Lieut. and John Kane Ensign of a Company in Col. Beatty's Battalion.

Also to John Martindear, Capt. John Shytaker, 1 Lt Christian Lasever, 2 Lt and Henry Woollick Ensign of a Company in Col. James Johnson's Battalion

To James Wells appointed Colonel of the Linganore Battalion of Militia.

To Henry Baker, Capt.	Wm Winchester, Capt.
George Cobble, 1 Lt	James Winchester 1 Lt
Anthony Lindsay 2 Lt	John Fowler 2 Lt
Andrew Eppart Ens.	
Henry Stevenson, Capt.	Simon Meredith, Capt.
Charles Stevenson, 1 Lt	Charles Warfield 1 Lt
Henry Myers 2 Lt	Abraham Moore 2 Lt
Wm Stephenson Ens.	Wm Gilman Ens.

Wm Brashears, Capt.	Basil Dorsey, Capt.	C. S. J.
Charles Stevens 1 Lt	Nathan Maniard, 1 Lt	
Rezin Brashears 2 Lt	Jacob Crouse 2 Lt of	
Philip Turner Ens.	said Battalion	

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Governor Patrick Henry.] C. S. C. No. 111.

Jany 16th 1777

Sir. In pursuance of a request from Congress of the 9th inst. we have employed several persons to purchase Beef & Pork to be salted for the Army. The current prices in this State before this resolution passed were from 45s to 50s for stall fed Beef & from 50s to 52/6 for Pork. These exorbitant prices were occasioned by different causes, to wit, scarcity, great quantities wanted for our armed vessels, the extravagant advance laid on goods by merchants, and by private persons speculating.

It is not in our power at this late season to lower these prices much, but have restricted our agents to give from 35s to 45s for beef, as in goodness, and to 50s for Pork, dollars at 7/6, and allow them 5 pr. ct. commission for purchasing and curing, the State being at the expence of labourers for that purpose. We shall be happy in cooperating with your Excellency in this as well as in every other resolution of Congress, in which our common interest is so firmly united

We are, &c.

Patrick Henry Esqr

[Council to Jesse Hollingsworth.] No. 112.

Jany 16th 1777

Sir. We received your two letters of the 15th and 16th of this instant, and have sent you by Captain Cooke the sum of one thousand pounds currency. We sent up Captain Kelty yesterday with a letter about the ship. We intend loading the ship entirely with Tobo, and as we expect the price to be very high at Baltimore Town, and as we can purchase cheaper on Potomack, we propose to send the ship round to that river, where we hope to get her lading of long dull tobacco at 20s or 25s pr Ct. We therefore request you would call on the marshall and present the inclosed order on him for the price of the ship being £4400, which he is to credit the State for out of the monies he has now in hand. We request also you would desire him to make out his account that we may see which way the balance is; if any be due to him we will pay, if due to us we expect to receive.

C. S. C. We wish to know the quantity of Tob° you have purchased and the price you gave, that we may direct what is to be done with it. We are, &c.

Mr Jesse Hollingsworth

No. 113. [Council to Gen. Johnson.]

Sir. Jany 17, 1777.

We have some days ago sent forward five hundred pair of shoes to Philadelphia to be delivered to your order. They are in the course of stages and we hope will soon be there, they have been deliverd Jesse Hollingsworth and the boat is returned to Annapolis a day or two ago; these are all we can spare. The Regulars are calling on us fast for shoes. We have wrote you fully by last post, and sent up some commissions. We now send the Commss for Colonels Johnson's and Beatty's Battalions. Those for Linganore Battalion we have sent to Colonel Wells, and wrote him on the subject. What you say about forestalling has been taken under consideration on the recommendation of the Honble Congress and an order published, which you may see in the Maryland Gazette.

Brigadier Genl Johnson We are &c.

No. 114. [Council to Wells.]

Sir. Jany 17, 1777

We send you a commission as first Colonel, and a number of other commissions for the Linganore Battalion, 'tis very strange your people should have so strong a desire to march to the reinforcement of General Washington, and cannot agree about officers, we are desirous of removing all objections, and on a proper recommendation of the other field officers we will send up commissions, we send no commissions for David Moores Company, because we know not to whom to send them. Moore has refused to act and we should be glad to know who the people will recommend for that company. We are, &c.

P. S.

There are ensigns wanting for Winchester's Company and Dorsey's, which we will send on your recommendation. Charles Warfield may take his choice to act as quarter master under his old commn or Lieut. under the one now sent.

Col. James Wells.

[Robert Harrison to Jenifer.]

Sir. Dorchester County Jany 17th 1777.

I have this day received your favour and take this early opportunity to inform you that I am of opinion it will be in

my power to procure you a quantity of beef at the price you have mentioned, shall accordingly employ a proper person to ride about to purchase, having little doubt of his meeting with some. I shall immediately be in want of Salt to cure and cash to pay for it, which you will be pleased to send me as soon as possible, I wou'd beg leave to take notice of the absolute necessity of having the salt sent soon, as no quantity can be had here at any rate, shou'd it not be wholly expended for your use by my not being able to procure the quantity of beef you want, I will be accountable for the overplus. C. S. C.

I cannot help observing that the commission you offer is by no means adequate to the trouble and expense I shall be at on this occasion, nor do I undertake the business with a view of profit, therefore I expect shou'd I expend a larger sum than the 5 per Ct. in purchasing and curing the beef, you will not hesitate to reimburse me. I am, Sir,

Your most obed^t^ Servt

The Honble Danl of St. Thos. Jenifer Robt Harrison.
President of the Council of Safety of Maryland

[Deams to Council.]

Worthy Gentlemen. January the 17th 1777.

This to inform you that I have wrote to your Honors three different times, but have not received any answer, therefore let you know by this oppertunity that I have applied to Mr Barnett Ackleburger Merchant for cloath but his price is 18^s^ per yard, but have purchased at 17^s^ 6^d^ much better of Mr Charles Harris, therefore please to let me know by the Bearer, whether I must render you a bill of cost or to Mr Chase. I have applied to Mr Chase for blanketts, and he sent me to the Board of War, but I could get none, but Mr Chase told me that the first that came I should have; but is very uncertain when I shall get any, my soldiers are forced to stand centery night and day, which I think very hard; I think it very proper to get leather Britches for my soldiers as they are willing to allow the difference between them and others out of their wages. Should be glad you would inform whether I shall be right in so doing; I can get very good stockings at 15^s^ per pair, the same man is applied to for all he can make in a twelvemonth at the same price; also the hats wheather I shall get them made in Baltimore, or your Honors send them up to me from Annapolis with the other cloathes:

The person I recomended to you as first Lieut. is a wool card maker as you expected him to be &c. The Liev^t^ in my last recruit Phillip Stilts by name is ready, and willing to serve

C. S. C. in my company and I think him a worthy man and a good Soldier. from Capt. Deams.

To the Honourable Council of Safty this in Annapolis, Maryland.

C. S. J. Saturday, Jany 18. 1777.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Fulford Eighteen Pounds seventeen Shillings and four Pence.

Ordered That Monsieur le Vacher de Vanbrier have the Rank and receive the Pay of third Lieutenant of Matrosses from this Day forward.

Ordered That Captain Nathaniel Smith, Capt. Alexander Furnival, and Captain William Galbraith be ready at all Times to aid and obey the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County, in preserving the Peace of the State, and putting a speedy End to all Riots and Tumults within the said County, or Baltimore Town; and that a Copy of this Order be transmitted to each of the said Captains.

Copy of Letter N° 115 was sent to Capt. Nathaniel Smith, Copy of N° 116 to Mr Stephen Steward, Copy of N° 117 to the Committee of Observation for Calvert County, and Copy of N° 118 to the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County.

Permit was granted to John Given, Master of the Schooner Two Brothers to go to Sea, he having brought a Load of Salt to this State.

Adjourned till Monday morning, 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 115. [Council to Nathaniel Smith.]

Jany 18th 1777.

Sir. We are informed by Melchior Keener that three of your soldiers with their musquets and Bayonets fixt came lately to search his house in a Riotous manner, and were guilty of divers irregularities. David Welsh and Harry the Drummer were two of the offenders.

We request you would inquire into the affair, and take care on all occasions that the peace of the State be preserved. We have wrote also to the committee of Baltimore Town.

Capt Nathaniel Smith. We are, &c.

No. 116. [Council to Stephen Steward.]

Jany 18th 1777

Sir, We received yours of this day's date, we have heretofore fixed the price of provisions, Pork not to exceed fifty shillings, in consequence of an order from the Honorable

Congress. If the Bermudian goes on in the manner you say, C. S. C.
he will be so far from fixing the market price, that he will probably get no clearance. We have published an order against forestallers and Ingrossers, which you may see in the last paper, to which we refer you. We request you send the Galley and all her hands under Capt Davies' care as soon as possible up to Annapolis where we will endeavour to have them supplied with what they want. We are desirous of doing what lyes in our power to forward the public service, and hope you will dispatch the Galley and her hands up to us and for that purpose give the necessary orders to Capt Davey.

P. S. Seal the inclosed letter We are &c
and send it forward by express
Mr Stephen Steward

[Council to Calvert Committee.] No. 117.

Jany 18, 1777

Gent. Inclosed we send you Copy of a Resolve of Congress against exporting particular species of provisions. We hear there is a Bermudian with you buying up pork at an extravagant price for exportation ; he ought to be cleared out, take care to obey the resolve of Congress. We are, &c.

Committee of observation for
Calvert County.

[Council to Baltimore Committee.] No. 118.

Jany 18th 1777.

Gent. We received your favour of the 13th before it came to hand we had taken the step you recommend by convening the General Assembly to meet at Annapolis on Wednesday the 29th instant when we hope effectual measures will be taken to keep those who are disaffected or too much inclined to riotous and extrajudicial proceedings within proper bounds.

It gives us pleasure to be informed that your Committee have on all occasions exerted their utmost influence to preserve the peace of the State, and will continue to do it. We are much concerned that we have cause again to trouble you on behalf of Melchior Keener, who hath lately been very ill used as he alleges, by some Soldiers of Capt Nathl Smith's Company, and others who came without any authority or warrant that he knows of, to search his house, and committed divers irregularities, two of the Soldiers were David Welch and Harry the drummer, as he informs us. the Whig club we take it for granted had no hand in this riot. We have

C. S. C. wrote to Capt Smith, and request you would with his assistance inquire into the affair and see that the peace is preserved. If Keener be guilty of any offence, let him be prosecuted according to law, and the resolves of Congress and Convention. We must observe once for all that mobbing men of doubtful principles is not the way to gain friends to the cause of America. This is the same person we wrote you about in our first letter (whose case was referred to a special Committee) but no answer given on account of the hurry and confusion Baltimore Town was then in by congress removing from Philadelphia.

Surely Gent. it is in your power with the assistance of Capt Smith to put a stop to such riotous and irregular proceedings.

We have considered the deposition transmitted us against John Ross and desire you would direct him to attend our Board according to the condition of his bond on Monday the 27th instant. What you tell us of the people framing a petition to Lord Howe and the Riots complained of in Baltimore Town have induced the Council of Safety to pass an order, a copy of which is inclosed to you and to each of the Captains

James Calhoun Esq chairman — We are &^c

Committee Observ^n for Balt. Town.

[John Smith, Jr., to Council.]

Gentlemen. Baltimore 18th Jany 1777.

My brother who is just returned from Annapolis informs me that you have occasion for and want to purchase a vessell. I lately bought a Snow which I would be willing to part with, it not being in my power to put her into the trade I at that time intended. She is English built and will carry about 1500 Bbls Flour. She is exceeding well found and will want scarce any repairs. An inventory I now inclose you. She cost me at public Sale £1720, for which price you may have her allowing me the commission you give to those who purchase Ships for you. I will be much obliged for your answer p^r Mr Sterret who carries this, or sooner if possible and am,

Gentlemen,
Your Obed^t Servant
John Smith Junr

To The Honble The Council of Safety
Annapolis

Inventory of the Snow George, viz.

Hull, masts, yards, Bowsprit, standing and running Riggen, One Boat, Two bower and one kedge Anchors and one Graplin Two Bower Cables, Two Hawsers, Two fore Top Sails,

Two main Top sails, Two fore sails, Two main Sails, One c. s. c.
Trysail, Two Top Gallant Sails, One fore Stay Sail, Two Jibs, One main Topmast Stay Sail, One middle Stay Sail, One lower Steering Sail, Two Top Gallant Royals, One Camboose, and copper Boiler, Ten water casks, iron hooped, Four compasses, Four half minute Glasses, Four Quarter minute D° Two half hour D° One Two hour D° One marline Spike, One wood ax, One set caulking irons, six knives and forks, 3 Tumblers, One Butter Boat, One butter dish, One Spice mortar, Two cat Blocks, Four handspikes, Three pump spears with Boxes, Three lower Pump Boxes, Two crow Barrs, One Spun yarn Reel, One Grindstone, One Serv^g mallet, One log line & Reel, One hand lead and line, Three scrubbing Brushes, One Bucket, One Gun Screw, 2 Jacks, 2 Ensigns and Penant, One Copper and one tin lamp, Two tin Kittles, One ladle, One Gridiron, One pewter basin, One pine table, One case with——, One stone pan, Four Stone plates, Two decanters, Three tea potts, 2 Stone potts, 2 chairs, 7 Bottles, One stone dish, 1 Pewter tureen, 1 Glass, 4 Spoons.

[Stephen Steward to Council.]

Gentilmen. January the 18th 1777.

I employed Kinsey Johns to buy Pork for me in the lower part of Calvert County, where there is a good deal of Poark to sell. There is now com in a Burmudain, he offers three pounds a hundred for all poarke that is brought to him, or he can get at any rate I should be glad to know weether it is agreebell to you for mee to give that price I have hear now as many mareenes as eats fiftey od pounds of meat a day which will sun consum the provitions I have by me, and where more can be got I dont no. If the Galley could be got to Anaplois or else whare you want her I shall be glad you woud order these fellows to som place where thay may be doing somthing. I must send an expres down to Kinsey Johns as sun as I git your answer he had ingaged a pen of hogs of 5000 lot at the markit Price, not expecting it more than 40/ or 45/ at most, now the Burmudain has fixt it at 60/. If these people are alowed to carey of our flesh provitions we shall not be able to carey on our morein business.

I am Gentillmen,
Your most Humb^l Serv^ts
Stephen Steward.

For the Honrebell Counsell
of Saftey.

C. S. C. [George Cook to Council.]

Hon^d Gent. Baltimore January 19th 1777.

Since I had the pleasure of seing you last I saw one of those unfortunate men that was in the Prize Snow George: taken by the Camelia a British Frigate, he made his escape from a prison Ship at New York and travel'd to this place, he informs me that the prisoners are us'd extremely ill, and no respect to rank, that officers and men are all tumbled into the hold together and oblidg'd to dress what little provision they have allow'd themselves or its not done at all. I have applied to Mr Chase and Mr Carrol for their assistance to get them exchang'd, but they say its a business particularly belonging to this State. I do not doubt was your Honorable Board to write the Congress, but what they would get them exchang'd as soon as possible. There is Capt. Glasby and Mr Lyons his mate here were they secur'd they might be of service in exchanging for the master of the Defence, Mr Cordrey and Mr Carter a midshipman. Capt. Campbell will wait on you, and will be able to acquaint you more fully of each circumstance. Our men who are taken by the Enemy are very likely to be kept as prisoners a long time unless we fall on some method to have them exchang'd. I'm in great hopes some speedy method will be put in execution for that purpose.

I intend for Frederick on Wednesday morning next and doubt not but the officers belonging to Ship will do every thing in their power to make dispatch. I shall wait on you in the time of the Assembly's being at Annapolis.

I am, Hon^d Gent. Your very Humb^l Servant,

The Honble the Council of Safety of Maryland, Annapolis. Geo. Cook.

The names of those taken in Snow George, viz.

James Cordrey, Master, William Carter, Midshipman. Seamen, Alex. Stanton, John Power, Collin Brown, Alex. Nicholson, Dennis Larkens, Edward Gibbons, John Halfpenny, Patrick Cole, Timothy Kelley the person made his escape.

I laid a petition from Capt. Campbell before Congress, they declined having any thing to say to it. All persons taken by the Ships of War or privateers of any State, are deemed the prisoners of such State, and are generally applied to the redemption of their own Subjects; on the contrary all persons taken by Continental vessells are deemed the prisoners of the Congress and subject to their disposal.

The Georgia delegates object to the discharge of the Gentlemen, whose cases you referred to Congress.

Unless in future all prisoners taken by vessells of our State are detained, such of our people, as fall into the Enemies' hands, cannot be redeemed. This subject is of consequence, and demands the attention of your Board. C. S. C.

Your obed^t Servt
Saml Chase.

Honble Council of Safety.

P. S. I have had some conversation with Mr Jeremiah Chase relative to Snow George. He thinks a claim good by an appeal to Congress. If you think proper you'l please to write to him concerning said Snow, and inform him of your intention I am, G. Cook.

Monday, January 20, 1777. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on Saturday except Mr Jenifer and Mr Contee.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Capt. John Steward One thousand Dollars by Order and for the use of General Smallwood.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Green Eleven Pounds two Shillings.

Copy of Letter N° 119 was sent to Capt. Frederick Deams.

Commissions issued to Edward Gale appointed second Lieutenant to Captain William Brown's Company of Matrosses, and to Thomas Henry Howard, Surgeon Assistant to Doct^r Tootell.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Deams.] C. S. C.
No. 119.

Jany 20th 1777.

Sir. We received your letter by Sergeant Rodwell and have sent one hundred and seventy shirts and eighty five pair of shoes by him, which we hope will come safe to your hands. The rest of your clothing you are to get on the best terms you possibly can, and with all expedition. Blanketts we have none you may get some perhaps at Philadelphia on your way up. You must loose no time in preparing to march. When you are near ready come down to us and settle your account and get your commissions We are, &c.

Capt. Frederick Deams.

[Thos. Johnson, Jr., to Council.] Original.

Gent. Philadelphia 20th Jany 1777.

I received yours of the 10th Instant, and am obliged by your attention to my request for the shoes. The present price

C. S. C. here is 22/6. You mention to me that Mr Hollingsworth would send 500 pair, he tells me in his letter that he has sent 1000, but I have not yet had the packages examined all Colo J. Johnson's Battalion that may be expected about 250 are here, part of Colo Beatty's about 160, part of Colo B. Johnson's, about 120, part of Colo Bruce's about 150, and Col. Stull's I do not know the number are also here the other parts may be soon expected, and the whole of them will from what I learn average about 250. Some of the Montgomery Militia I hear are on the way, what may be expected from Colo Smith's Battalion, or from Battalion Harford and Cecil I do not know, but suppose not much. A good many of the Cumberland Militia I hear are here and on their way and that the Philadelphia militia and part of the Cumberland militia now at Camp are coming away. It appears to me that a strong reinforcement is now not only desirable, but necessary to keep our officers in their late course. I am anxious to contribute all I can to it, and from all that I can collect am persuaded if the militia would now generally and vigorously exert themselves we should have a fair chance of ruining the British army in the Jerseys. But a very few of my Brigade are yet arrived though I hope to get Colo Beatty and J. Johnson away on Tuesday, the rest as fast as possible for many reasons. Some of the Pennsylvania Officers have as I expected inlisted a few of our Militia. Genl Gates and Lord Sterling, both now here, have concurred with me in stopping it, where we have found the men we have taken them back. I mention this that some of our officers may be ordered forward without delay, to inlist such as are desirous of entering into the service. I enquired on my coming here for the Flying Camp arms and accoutrements. I find what were fit for use were sold, and the rest I am told are sent to be repaired. Seeing your Sentiments, I shall receive none as belonging to our State, but it was much my wish to have got what good arms I could into my hands as a part of ours and to have carried them home, for presuming the Congress are not sufficiently supplied to return arms at present, I thought about 2000 stand wou'd be better to us than almost any sum of money.

I am indeed sorry that the congress did not correspond with you on the Subject of their resolutions relative to our militia and have had my fealings on the occasion. I knew you had no authority to order the militia of Maryland to Pennsylvania or the Jerseys, and would expect your permission only, which I thought you gave when you ordered me to have the militia got in readiness to march on further order that not a moments time might be lost. I have with the best intentions acted myself and pushed others to do what I thought

best and shall be happy in contributing in any degree to save the Country from the devastations which would most certainly without extraordinary exertions have soon extended much further than the Jerseys. I may probably continue here until the latter part of the week. We have nothing of any great consequence it is confidently reported that upwards of 30 Baggage Waggons fell the other day into our hands, and that the baggage of 60 or 70 other waggons was in such a situation that we should probably get it C. S. C.

I am Gent. with very great Respect,
Your most obed^t^ Servt
Th. Johnson Junr

The Honble Council of Safety
of Maryland

[Depositions in the case of Richard Andrew.]

To the Honble The Council of Safety of Maryland.

Gent. In obediance to a letter sent this Committee from the last Convention, of certain persons in this County, having taken property from some of the inhabitants of Dorcester County, and on information being made to us, we summoned a certain Richard Andrew before us, who we find to have been the principal person in the outrages. Therefore have thought it my duty to inclose you the depositions made on oath against him by Joshua Willis and John Coleman. That you may take order therein as to you shall seem meet.

Signed by order of the Committee of Caroline County
January 20th 1777. Benson Stainton Chair^m^

The deposition of Joshua Willis of Caroline County, Doth depose and say that on or about the 20th of October last, James Murrey's negro boy came to this deponants, and told him, his mistress desired him to come there, that he went and when he came, there was Richard Andrew with many others in a house of the said Murreys, a taking salt. Mrs. Murrey desired Willis to plead with Andrew to leave her some salt, for they had seventy in family, which he did the salt which he saw that they left, was about two Bushels or under. Said Andrew told him that there was more in the smoak house. After they had taken the salt, said Andrew with several others went into the house to Mrs Murrey and tendered her a dollar per Bushel for fourteen and a half bushels of salt, which she refused and said she had sold them none, if he had any account to settle with Mr Murrey he might do it, when he came from the convention, he left in paper money to the amount offered above, and further saith not.

Sworne to in Committee at Melvill's Warehouse before
January 20th 1777. Benson Stainton, Chairman.

C. S. C. The deposition of John Coleman of Caroline County, upon being sworn on the Holy Evangellists of Almighty God, deposed and said, that sometime in October last he this Deponent was at work Ja^s^ Murrey's mill, and heard that a number of persons was at the said Murrey's in search of Salt, and he went to the house where they were and there found Richard Andrew and seventy or eighty persons with him who seem'd to be under his command, some a trying to brake open doors and others thretning to brake them open, and he this Deponent got the keys of Mrs Murrey to shoe them what salt there was, and after that came out and locked the doors, and after some despute between Richard Andrew and others with Mrs Murrey about the salt the said Andrew said he would have the salt, and picked up the key that was lying by Mrs Murrey and went and unlocked the dore against her will and measured fourteen bushels and a half of salt as they said; and then Richard Andrew and one Levin Cannon went in to settel with Mrs Murrey, and she said she had sold them no salt and would receive no money. And Richard Andrew said they had got fourteen bushels and a half of salt and counted out fourteen dollars and a half as they said and laid it on the table and left it.

John $\overset{\text{his}}{\underset{\text{mark}}{\times}}$ Coleman

This deposition was taken in Committee and in the presence of Richard Andrew, before Benson Stainton, Chairman

C. S. J. Tuesday, January 21. 1777.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Benjamin Ford One thousand Dollars by Order and for the use of General Smallwood.

That the said Treasurer pay to Messrs Godfrey and Ellicott Eighty Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mrs Sparrow fifty seven Shillings.

That the Eastern Shore Treasurer pay to Col. Robert Harrison two hundred and fifty Pounds.

The Council agree to allow Mr James Williams at the Rate of sixty Pounds per Annum for his House and all Damages the same may sustain, to be estimated by two indifferent Persons.

Copy of Letter N° 120 was sent to Col. Robert Harrison.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Col. Harrison.] C. S. C. No. 120.

Jany 21st 1777

Sir. Your favour of the 17th instant we received and are pleased to find you will be able to purchase a quantity of Beef for the use of the State. We send you inclosed an order on the Treasurer of your Shore for £250, and will write to him to advance to you any further sum that may be necessary for your purchase. As soon as a vessel can be had, we shall send you fifty bushels of salt. Those belonging to the State are out with Salt for the lower counties on your shore, and Patuxent, to be applied for curing Beef for Public use. When we applied to you to undertake this business we expected you would be prevailed upon to engage in it rather from a willingness to serve the public than the commission offered; however we think it proper to let you know the expense of labourers in the purchase and curing will be allowed as well as the commission of five per ct. on the price of Beef and Cask.

Col. Robt. Harrison We are, &c.

[Thomas Contee to Council.]

Gent. Nottingham Jany 21st 1777

I have enquired something about Tobacco on Potomack, am informed twenty two shillings and six pence has been offered, and Tobacco comes in slow, my acquaintance thinks it may be had at twenty five shillings and five shillings for cask. If the Council of Safety determine to load the ship that Capt. Kelty commands with Tobacco and chuse that I shou'd put one half the cargo on board and will give me orders to that purpose, I will cause it to be set about immediately. I intend to be innoculated for the small pox myself in two or three days, but that will not impede the dispatch of the Ship, as I shall give such directions to put things in the greatest forwardness. If Col^o Hooe puts half the Cargo on board, and is desired not to exceed 25/ p^r Cent, I make no doubt Tobacco may be had for that price, and if I am to put the other half, it would be well to advise Col^o Hooe of it, that we may act in conformity and be as one purchaser. Many purchasers always raise a commodity is well known by you all. Be pleased to favour me with a line p^r Post or if any opportunity, before. It would be well to let the ship take in her ballast, lumber, Bread &c. at Baltimore, if to be had readily there. Provision I presume may be had on Potomack where the ship loads and the Capt. may purchase it.

I am, Gent, with great esteem and respect,
Your most obed^t Servt
Thos Contee.

To
The Honble Council of Safety
Annapolis

C. S. C. Original.

[Thos. Johnson, Jr., to Council.]

Gent. Philadelphia 21st Jany 1777.

Charles Balsel, captain of a company in Jas. Johnson's Battalion, being an officer in the German Battalion, commissions are desired for John Martin Deer Capt. Abm. Miller 1st Lieut. Christian Lafever 2nd Lieut and Henry Woolhite Ensign. In James Ogle's company in the same Battalion commissions are wanted for Ignatius Elder as 2nd Lieut, and Francis Elder Ensign.

I do not yet see any officer from our State to recruit, I obtained a general order against the enlistment of our militia, notwithstanding which several were enlisted, some of whom I have got back again, but I do not know how it will be when I get further. James Johnson's Battalion, part of Colo Beatty's and part of Colo Bruce's have gone forward for Head Quarters. We are armed very slowly, it is out of my power to keep our people together, too many of them have been home. The Maryland Flying Camp arms and accoutrements are Delivered out to the Pennsylvania Militia and repairing I have received none as a part of ours. We have nothing of consequence that can be depended on. I am, Gent,

Your most obedt Servt

The Honble Council of Safety of Maryland

Thos Johnson Junr

[Gerard Hopkins to Council.]

Gentlemen. Baltimore 21st Jany 1777.

Yours of the 10th Inst. I received yesterday. The Ticklenberg which you mention of Messrs Vanbibber and Crockett having, was disposed of before I received orders to purchase it. The tents can be immediately made, provided the linnen can be got. I am, Gent, Your most humbl Servt

The Honble The Council of Safety, Annapolis

Gerard Hopkins, sen Rd

C. S. J.

Wednesday, January 22. 1777.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Mr John Bullen twenty five Pounds nineteen Shillings and seven Pence: Also the further Sum of One hundred Pounds.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver Captain Paddison 50 Bushels of Salt for Col. Robert Harrison.

Copy of Letter No 121 was sent to William Hindman Esquire, Copy of No 122 to Col. Robert Harrison, and Copy

of N° 123 to the honble John Hancock Esquire, President of Congress. C. S. J.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Hindman.] C. S. C. No. 121.

Jany 22^d 1777

Sir. We yesterday inclosed Col Robert Harrison our draft on you for two hundred and fifty pounds for the purchase of Beef. Should he stand in need of more money, you'll be pleased to supply him with the further sum of two hundred and fifty pounds. We are, &c.

Wm Hindman Esqr
Treasurer

[Council to Harrison.] No. 122.

Jany 22^d 1777

Sir. The Bearer Capt. Patterson will deliver you fifty bushels of salt. You'll be pleased to have the tallow dried up and saved for the use of the State, the expense of which will be allowed We are, &c.

Col. Robert Harrison.

[Council to Hancock.] No. 123.

Jany 21st 1777

Sir. Your favours by the post and by Express inclosing resolves of Congress, came safe to hand. We are buying up provisions with all diligence, the season however is so far advanced that we doubt no considerable quantity of pork can be procured. We should have acknowledged the receipt of yours of the 9th instant, but our President intended at that time to do himself the honour of waiting on you, he has been indisposed this day or two past; will probably be at Baltimore some time next week.

As to the success the recruiting officers have met with, we cannot speak with absolute certainty. Captain Yates and Captain Deams are near ready to march as they inform us, and General Smallwood has given out a great many recruiting warrants, the business goes on but slowly we fear; the rank of the officers occasions, we believe, a good deal of uneasiness; the commissioners who were sent up with full powers by the late Convention, have returned their proceedings to this Board, by which it appears they have granted commissions to most of the Field officers, Captains, and first Lieutenants, and to some second Lieutenants of seven Bat-

C. S. C. talions, leaving the eighth for the German Battalion. Divers have resigned, and the General thinks others will resign if the proceedings of the Commissioners be not reviewed. We do not think this Board have power sufficient to controul what the Commissioners have done. We have therefore thought it advisable to call the General Assembly, before whom we propose to lay the whole affair and after the Rank is properly settled we hope the recruiting will go on briskly.

Yours of the 14th inclosing Resolves of Congress of same date relative to the continental currency came to hand yesterday; we shall lay these resolves before the General Assembly, together with the other dispatches as soon as they meet which is ordered for the 29th instant.

We have the honour to be,
with Esteem and Regard,
Yr most Obed. Servts

John Hancock Esq. President Congress.

Original. [Hancock to Council.]

Baltimore Jany. 22, 1777

Gentlemen: I have it in Charge from Congress most earnestly to request that you will immediately appoint Subaltern officers for the several Companies which are now raising in your State, in Consequence of your Orders, that the recruiting service may be expedited as fast as possible, and the Men when raised be perfectly trained.

The enclosed Resolve recommending it to you to call forth the Militia from the Counties therein mentioned, and such others as you shall think proper, to reinforce Genl Washington at this critical Period, I am to request you will immediately comply with, agreeably to the Terms of the same.

I have the Honour to be, Gentlemen,
your most obedt & very hbl. Sert
John Hancock, Presidt

Honble. Council of Safety of the State of Maryland.

C. S. J. Thursday, January 23. 1777.

Council met. Present as on yesterday, except Mr Hall.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Isaac McHard One hundred Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Grant three Pounds.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Petition of Thomas Gordon and William Noyes.] C. S. C.

To the Honble the Council of Safety of the State of Maryland, now sitting at Annapolis.

The Humble petition of Thomas Gordon and William Noyse, Sheweth, That your petitioners served in the last campaign (against the enemies of the United States) in Capt. Scot's company of Genl Smallwood's first Battalion of Maryland Troops, in the quality of sergeants and hope no objection can be made to their conduct in that Station. However they expect no particular favours on that account only that as their worthy Capt. had the misfortune to be kill'd, and as they are willing and desirous of entering into the service again, they hope your Honours will permit them to enter in any company they shall best approve, and not confine them to the same they at present belong to. And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Thos. Gordan
William Noyes.

January 23rd 1777.

[Deposition of Wm. Gordon.]

The Dep^s^ of Wm Gordon who being duly sworn; saith that some time last week Wm Nevin having sworn the p^e^ ag^t^ Robt Ridgs, this Dep^t^ by a constable served the warr^t^ at which time he heard Robt Ridgs say, that he would not give B^l^ but would go to jail, and that he the said Ridgs said he would not be alone, for he never wrote letters to Ld Dunmore informing him where to land, and upon this Dep^n^ asking him, what he meant by those insinuations, he said that Wm Nevin had wrote to Ld D. informing him that it would be a good place to land his forces ab^t^ 1 mile above Thomas's p^t^ & that he Nevin would be there & make a fire as a signal to shew him the spot if he knew when he would come. The Dep^n^ further sayth that he asked Ridgs upon what authority he made those assertions, who answered that Nevin wanted Robinson the Governors waitingman to carry the let^r^ who refused upon Ridgs's informing him of the Contents:

Wm Gordon.

[Deposition of Riggs.]

The Dep^s^ of Robt Ridgs, who being sworn sayeth that at the time of the departure of Governor Eden from this province, a little boy formerly Mr Calverts waiting boy who went on board the Fowey with the Govr in conversation with this Deponent, said that he was going to Dunmore & had a letter for Dunmore, which Mr Nevin had given him. This Dep^n^ saith that the Boy shewed him the letter, which he said Nevin

C. S. C. had given him. This Dep^{n} further saith that Robinson the Gov^{rs} waiting man also told him he had a letter off^{d} him to carry to Dunmore, informing him where he might land, and this Dep^{n} asked said Robinson who off^{d} him the let^{r} to carry, but he refused to answer him that question:

Robert $\overset{\text{his}}{\underset{\text{mark}}{\times}}$ Ridgs

The Deposition of Ja^{s} Reid of the City of Annapolis who being duly sworn, saith that on or about the 27th day of Augt in conversation with a certain Wm Gordon who had a warr^{t} to serve on Robt Ridgs at the suit of Wm Nevin, the said Gordon informed this deponent, that at the time he served the said warr^{t} on Ridgs, he heard Ridgs say that Wm Nevin had wrote a letter to Lord Dunmore, offering his services to his Ldp in any thing that lay in his power acquainting him of the situation of the city & where he might land his forces, and that the said Ridgs further said that he knew something further of Nevin which he would discover & tell, upon being properly called upon.

James Reid:

Baltimore County.

C. S. J. Friday, January 24. 1777.

Council met. Present as on yesterday, except Mr Worthington.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Lieut. Levin Lawrence ninety nine Pounds sixteen Shillings and three Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Miss Rebecca Carter forty Shillings and six Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Doct^{r} John Hanson Briscoe five Pounds fourteen Shillings: also the further Sum of thirty Pounds.

Adjourned till next day, 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. [Charles Rumsey to Council.]

Gentlemen. Cecil County Jany 24th 1777.

Yours of the 14th December came to hand, ordering my Battalion to hold themselves in readiness: also Brigadier Genl Chamberlaine's dated the 16th of said month to the same purpose, and the Resolve of Congress relative to their applying to the Committee for assistance. The committee of this County has given no orders.

Coll^{o} Hollingsworth wrote by post, informing the State of the Battalion, that the best guns had been purchased from us

to equip two companies that has been sent out of it, and that if we were expected to march, to send us proper arms, be assured what are left would be madness in us to trust our lives with. C. S. C.

Your last letter dated January the 9th came to hand the 22nd at night, the Post first carrying it to Philadelphia, charges on it 5/. I am there requested to act in conformity to what has or may be required by Congress. As their requisition is to the Committee am at a loss how to act, until further orders, which will be obeyed by

Gentlemen,
Your most obedt Humbl Servant,
Charles Rumsey

The Honble Council of Safety, Annapolis

[Remonstrance of men of Smith's Company.]

Whetstone Point 24th Jany 1777

Captn Nathl Smith: Sir. As we would scorn to be concerned in any mutiny or broils that may arise in your Company we take the liberty of writing a few lines to your Honour and hopes your Honour will not refuse our Humble request as we have not misbehaved since our first enlistment which was but for one year and is now at the expiration and shall rely on your honour that you will let us have a proper discharge before we enlist a second time as we are determined to enlist again and defend the libertys of the country as far as lies in our power if we receive our rations thats due to us, our wages raised and the bounty that is now given in other Companys but not without a proper discharge first, if it is not agreeable to your Honour to do us Justice, and let us have our proper discharge we shall be under the disagreeable necessity to make our humble address to the Honorable Continental Congress. We are Hon^rd Sir, Your Honours

As witness our hands. Most obedt and Dutifull Subjects:

John Curtis
John Houlton,
1 Benjamin Todd
2. Benjamin Jones
3. Philip Jones
4. Richd Pitsland
5. Joel Bennet
6. Freeman Newman
7. Danl Donohoe,
8. Edward Berry,
9. Anthy Barns,
10. Robt Thompson
11 Jas. Mathias,
12. George Cooper
13. Richd Wilkinson
14. James Jack
15. John Videon
16. Robt Britt
17. Thos Wilson
18. James Rice,
19. Timy Murphy,
20. James Rany
21. James Bradly
22. David Moroney

C. S. C. 23. Corn^{s} Forrester
24. Barny Quin,
25 Fran^{s} De Shields,
26. John Hanlon
27. Luke Gardiner
28. John Pearson
29. John Howard
30. David White
31. James Barry,
32. Robt Mitchell,
33. Chas Cloes
34. Thos Robinson
35 Saml Thompson
36 Hugh Martin,
37. Richd Burke
38. Thomas Smith
39. John Clarke
40. John Shly
41. Jacob Boager,
42. Peter Richards
43. Wm Forbes
44. Jno Forrester
45. Alex^{r} Forrester
46. Stephen Fennell
47. Henry Carroll,
48. Thos Connor
49 Martin Conden,
50. Tim^{y} Donovan
51. Hugh McDoole
52. Fred^{k} Pine
53. Philip Sitzler
54. John King
55. Roger ODonnell,
56. John Brady ·
57. Barth^{w} Donohoe
58. Math^{w} Kelly
59. Wm Reed,
60. Joseph Wilkes
61. David Thomas
62. Robert Toole
63. John Gorman
64. Edmund Walsh
65. Fra^{s} Malgawran,
66. Pat^{k} Slaughness:
67. David Walsh,
68. Wm Culbertstan
69. George Rees,
70. Edwd Coughlan
71. John Curtis
72. Andrew Shreek
73. George Gitnere
74. Ellack McMullin:

[Jesse Hollingsworth to Council.]

Sirs. Baltimore January 24th 1777.

I have made bold to draw on you for a large sum, but you may depend I have a right to part of the draft, and soon shall be for the whole. Pleas honner my draft, I am preparing the cargo for the Brig as fast as possible and laying in provitions for the ship Defence with all kinds of neseryes, and geting the Ship Liddia fit for her cargo. There must be one new mast and I propose to put her provitions on bord for the voige. Pleas let mee no if I am to supply Capt. Walker of the Gundela I have let him have £100. Mr Stuard says hee cannot give you a State of the a count till you let him now the proportion you clame and the men's proportion, which hee has not yet been acquainted with. Capt. Kook wants mee to provide blankets and shirt and Trousers with a number of other things that will be very hard to get here. from,

Your humble Servant,
Jesse Hollingsworth.

The Honnorable Counsill of
Safety of Maryland at Anapolis

Saturday, January 25, 1777. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday. Mr Hall and Mr Worthington attended.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Walter Alexander by Order of George Hambleton, fifteen Pounds fifteen Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain Samuel Godman two hundred Pounds on Account.

Commissions issued to James Mcfadon appointed third Lieutenant of Captain John Fulford's Artillery Company.

And to Wm Riley 1. Lieut.

Richard Talbott 2 Lieut.

Nicholas Dorsey Ensign of Capt. Samuel Godman's Company of Regulars in the Service of the United States.

Copy of Letter No 124 was sent to Mr Michael Earle.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Doctor Edward Johnson forty five Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Oliver Whiddon three Pounds ten Shillings for a Musquet.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mr John Mcfadon sixty one Pounds nine Shillings and eleven Pence half-penny: Also the further Sum of One hundred and fifty Pounds on Account.

Commissions issued to Bennett Matthews Esq. appointed Commander of the Row Galley called the Independence: also to John Stevenson Lieutenant of Marines of the same.

Ordered that Capt. Cooke, or in his Absence, the commanding Officer on Board the Ship Defence be requested to confine all such Prisoners belonging to this State that were taken by the Ship Defence that will not enter into the Service of the State or on Board of some of the private Ships of War, or Merchantmen; and to return a List of their names with all convenient Speed to the Council of Safety.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Earle.] C. S. C. No. 124.

Sir. Jany 25. 1777

We are informed by Mr. Jesse Hollingsworth that he has under his care two bales of Ticklenburg belonging to the estate of the late Mr Ringgold, and our State being in great want of Blankets for the use of some companies of the regular troops that are in other respects ready for their march to the Northward, we are under the necessity of applying to the Exrs. of Mr Ringgold for these two Bales, and hope we shall receive their order on Mr Hollingsworth for them; should the Executors not be able to affix the price from a want of knowl-

c. s. c. edge of the quality, they may rest assured of being allowed in full proportion to what we give others, which is very high. We shall be glad to receive your answer as soon as possible

Mr. Michael Earle. We are &c.

[Wm. Johnson to Jenifer.]

Sir, Pitts Point January 25th 1777.

Inclosed I have sent you a pattern of some light canvas, which I look upon to be very fit for tents, if you think it will suit for that purpose and are in want. I can furnish you with about 833 yards at 7/ per yard. You'l please let me know per first opportunity if you want it, and in that case please send the cash, or an order to Mr Hopkins to give it me.

I am Sir Your most obedt Servt
William Johnson.

The Honble Danl of St. Thos Jenifer
in Annapolis

N. B. It will take about 20 yds. to walled tent & 17½ without walls.

[Charge against Henry Guyton.]

Baltimore County ss.

The deposition of George Brown aged above twenty one, taken in committee chamber this eighteenth day of November 1776, being duly sworn on the Holy Evangeles of Almighty God; deposeth and saith that some time in October last the said George went to a certain Henry Guyton of Baltimore County to purchase cattle at a public vendue which said vendue was held on cattle that was destrained by Capt. James Bosley for a fine that was levied on said Henry by Baltimore Committee for being a non associator and refusing to pay his fine according to a resolve of Convention in such cases lately made and provided. That the said George did purchase at the said vendue one steer and one Heifer for four pounds eleven shillings he being the highest bidder, that the said Henry granted him liberty to let the cattle remain on the premises untill it would be convenient for him to take them away; That on Monday last he the said George went for his cattle and the said Henry came up to him in a great rage and singing a hymn (he being one of the people called methodists) and began to pull off his coat and said if said George was a man he would fight him, before he should have the cattle and the said George said he would have his property before he left the Plantation, and the said Henry instantly sent for eight white men, and one negro to prevent the said George taking

the cattle and said he would tie him the said George and handcuff him and leave him among the cattle, and the said George reply'd he would blow the brains out of the first man that would lay violent hands on him, and then left the place, but the said Henry with his party aforesaid followed him, and the said George said he would not contend with them, but would take the law of them and said Henry answer'd him that he would wipe his asse with his law, that it was a blackguard and unatural law, and he expected that in a short time he would have other law for him the said George and those that distress'd him, that his cattle was distress'd for the use of the County, and he might have his share of them as well as others and told the said George to go about his business and seek his recompence, and then turned up his asse and said a fart for them that will give it you, and the said George further saith that the said Henry hath kill'd the steer for his own use, and said if the said George would offer to take the Heifer, he would give him a blow that would put him past labor for one twelve month and further this deponent Saith not. C. S. C.

George Brown.

Sworn in Committee Nov. 18th 1776.

Witness Samuel Purviance Junr Chairn

George Brown

Informed against Henry Guyton for not delivering cattle purchased at vendue, and abusing the law of Convention, Committee &c.

To The Honble The Council of Safety at Annapolis

Sunday, January 26. 1777. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Walter Alexander two hundred and two Pounds one Shilling and a Penny.

Ordered that Captain Fulford station a Guard at the house where the public Provision is kept.

Commissions issued to

Benjamin Amos appointed Capt,

Joshua Amos 1 Lt

Abraham Williams 2 Lt

Josiah Hitchcock Ensign of a Company of Militia in the 8th Battalion, Harford County.

And to Nicholas Worthington Col.

Elijah Robosson Lt Col.

James Tootell, Major of the Severn Battalion of Militia in Ann Arundel County.

Copy of Letter No 125 was sent to Brigadier General

C. S. J. Thomas Johnson, Copy of N° 126 to Brigadier General Andrew Buchanan, Copy of N° 127 to the honble John Hancock Esq, President of Congress, and Copy of N° 128 to Colonels, Thomas Dorsey, John Weems, Charles Rumsey, Robert Tyler, & Nicholas Worthington; to the Committee of Observation for Prince George's, Montgomery, Ann Arundel, Baltimore, Harford, Cæcil, Kent, and Queen Ann's Counties by Express; and to Captains James Brice & John Bullen.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 125.

[Council to Gen. Johnson.]

Sir: We received your's of the 20th instant by Friday's Post, and at the same time a resolve of Congress for marching the militia of Baltimore, Harford, Cæcil and such other Counties as we may think proper. We are making out requisitions for A. A. Co, P. George's, Kent and Q. Ann's Counties, how many will turn out we know not, we fear not a great many. We intend that you should have the command of the whole, as they get up to Camp or the neighbourhood thereof. We observe what you say about the arms, and give you full Power and Authority to bring away all the arms left by the Flying Camp, provided you can get such as are good. We are sensible of the great use these arms may be of to the State, and that no money can be equal to their Value; but if only a small Proportion of Arms can be got, and those indifferent, we are of opinion you had better bring away none at all. We shall be much pleased to have a Line from you now and then to give us Intelligence how affairs go on in the Jerseys. We shall advise you hereafter how the Militia move forward. We concur with you in opinion about sending up recruiting Officers, and shall apply to the General to name one he can depend upon. We are &c.

Jany 26, 1777

Brigadier General Johnson.

No. 126.

[Council to Buchanan.]

25th January 1777.

Sir. Inclosed we send you a copy of Resolve of Congress, requesting the militia of the counties in your Brigade to march immediately to reinforce General Washington. Be pleased therefore to give the necessary orders. General Johnson, who takes the command, is already arrived at Philadelphia with the militia of his Brigade on his way to the Jerseys. Should any Commissions be wanting we will send them up to you, on

hearing a list of the persons you recommend. Colonel Rumsey and all his field officers have resigned, others ought to be appointed to the eighth Battalion. C. S. C.

We earnestly recommend that no time may lost in forwarding this necessary service. Those who have not arms will get them at Philadelphia. We intend to write particularly to Colonel Dorsey, Colonel Weems and Colonel Worthington of Anne Arundel, and to the Colonels of some other counties, viz. Prince George's, Kent and Queen Anns. We are, &c

To Brigadier General Buchanan.

[Council to Hancock.] No. 127.

Jany 26, 1777

Sir. We received your's of the 22d by friday's post, and are making out the necessary dispatches for calling for the militia in Baltimore, Harford, Annl, Pr. George's Kent and Queen Ann's Counties. Expresses go off to day.

General Smallwood hath heretofore delivered in a List of Subalterns, to whom we have given warrts for recruiting, and shall hereafter give them commissions, either as second Lieutenants, or Ensigns according to their merit, and the diligence and activity they show in recruiting. We thought this step most advisable, and that it would expedite the service. Some money is necessary and proper to be lodged here to give out to officers occasionally, they frequently call on us, and think it hard to be obliged to ride up to Baltimore. Whatever you may order shall be delivered out to some of the Field officers and their receipts taken. We are, &c.

To John Hancock Esqr President of Congress.

[Circular Letter to the Colonies and Committees.] No. 128.

Jany 26th 1777.

Sir. Inclosed we send you a copy of a Resolve of Congress for marching the militia of this State to reinforce General Washington.

The Council of Safety have determined to request the militia of Annl Prince George's, Kent and Queen Ann's Counties to march together with Baltimore, Harford and Cæcil particularly named in the Resolve. Be pleased therefore to give the necessary orders to your Battalion.

General Johnson, who takes the command, is already at Philadelphia on his way to the Jerseys with the militia of his Brigade. Should any Commissions be wanting we will send them to you on having a List of the persons you recommend.

C. S. C. We earnestly request that no time may be lost in forwarding this necessary service. Those who have not arms will get them at Philidelphia. We are, &c.

Circular Letter to the Colo's and Committees of Counties &c.

[Petition of James Larey.]

Head Quarters Annapolis Jany 26th 1777.

The Humble Petition of James Larey, to the Honourable the Council of Safety,

Humbly Sheweth, That your poor Petitioner hath been confined these five weeks past, in the Guard House; and for what he is confined, he knoweth not as he is not guilty of any thing in the least tending to the prejudice of the present state. Likewise, most honourable gentlemen, I am to communicate to your Honours that I have been taken once up to your Honours but never has had any hearing or examination; the reason why, I know not. I am in a strange place most considerate gentlemen, and, as I was taken off in a hurry or onawars, has not the second shirt or thing with me for to shift myself with therefore I must of course, sirs be in a shocking condition. Also, most considerate gentlemen I am to inform your honours that I have wanted a good deal of Provisions since my unhappy confinement, the officers, who is to get it for me not looking properly after it, and of course in a long duration of time most honourable Gentlemen, I must die in the present situation I am in, Therefore most honourable and considerate Gentlemen hopes that your Honours will take the low and distressed situation of your poor Petitioner into your most serious considerations and grant him some relief from the present exigency that he is in. And your poor Petitioner, shall ever be in duty bound to pray. James Larey.

So God bless the congress, and direct our General.

[Robert Tyler to Council.]

Gentlemen. January 27th 1777.

I have received your letter requesting I will give necessary orders to my battalion, to march to the assistance of our Troops in the Jerseys. You may depend that nothing shall be wanting in me in forwarding their march. I am sorry to inform you that there is a Captain in my Battalion who has continually refused to obey orders, therefore have little hopes of his companies meeting me, and as that is the case think it would be prudent in you to make his first Lieutenant Mr James Mullikin captain, which will I am satisfied forward this busi-

ness should you think proper to remove Hall, no matter how soon you send Mullikin's commission. C. S. C.

I am Gentlemen your most obed^{t} Hm^{l} Servt

The Honble the Council of Safety of Maryland. This

Robt Tyler.

[Stephen Steward to Council.]

Gentellmen. West River January the 27th 1777.

Capt. Mathews com to me from you for cordige and canviss I have not so much of either as will compleat the galley thats finished I have finished this Galley with fifteen or sixteen hundred wait of my one English cordig such I am shore I cant git in this State to replace, I have taken every step to git meatearls for the seven Galleys and the nine armed vessels and have ben continuly disapointed you no I delivered you a bill of parsels of every think at first, but as every one that you employed to build the galley have built them on difrent construction from what was first proposed (it is emposible for to no what matearls is sutebell for any of them) but the two I have built my self which are built agreeable to the Draft I drew and laid befor the Convention, which the convention aproved of and desired me to give the other builders copys of which I did I sopose the other builders have consilted you before thay built on a difrent plan. Intend to Baltemore this week to try if I can persuade Messrs Lux and Bowley to make me another cable. If I had a cable that I culd ventu^{d} this Gally in the Bay with I would sent her to now long ago. I think Capt. Mathews will till you she is compleat for the use she was intended for which is directly to the plan I laid befor the Convention. I shall call on you as I go up for your comands and shall strickly observe them as far as in my power. I have riged and fited out fore vesels for you compleat which has taken a grat dele of cordige, & canviss, ship chandley &c.

I am Gentellmen y^{r} most obed^{t} Servt

To the Honrobell Counsell of Saftey

Stephen Steward

[Christopher Lowndes to Jenifer.]

Sir. Bladensburg Jany 27th 1777.

Since my last to you, I have received a letter from the back parts relating to hemp, it is dated the 20th Inst. and runs as under. There is no hemp in this neighborhood ready for market, what was made last summer now lyes under the snow, and if it was up the farmers tell me, they should not be able to

C. S. C. get labourers to break it, until our militia returns. I can form no idea of what the price may be tho' I find their expectations are very high, they talk of 60^{s} p^{r} Cent.

If you have any remarks or observations to make on these particulars, be pleased to let me know them, if your cordage must be had, pray let me know what you wish I should do as to hemp, and what you think cordage is worth, or what other Ropemakers may ask for cordage, when hemp is as above, for I have no great inclination to meddle with any quantity of hemp, when at such a high price. I shall be glad of an answer to this, as soon as it is convenient.

I remain, Sir Your most obed^{t} Servt

Honble Danl of St. Thomas Jenifer Esq. at Annapolis

Chris. Lowndes.

[T. Dorsey to Hall.]

Gentelmen. Elk Ridge Jany 27th 1777.

I this moment received your request and shall order my Battalion to meet as soon as possible. I am in hopes that we shall be able to march in seven or eight days. I shall use every effort in my power to forward our marching.

Am Gentelmen
Your most obed^{t} Servt

John Hall V. President of Council of Safety

Thomas Dorsey.

C. S. J. Monday, Jany 27, 1777.

Council met. Present as on yesterday. Mr Jenifer attended.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Col. William Richardson four thousand Dollars.

That the said Treasurer pay to Miss Devenish fifty four Shillings & six Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mrs Frances Seclue three Pounds two Shillings and six Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mr John M^{c}fadon sixty three Pounds five Shillings.

Copy of Letter N° 129 was sent to Samuel Chase Esquire.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 129. [Council to Chase.]

Jany 27th 1777

Sir. We received your Letter of the 26th by Colonel Richardson, and have complied with your request in advancing

the sum of 4000 Dollars. We have also advanced to the General pretty considerably; request you would send us by the first opportunity thirty or forty thousand dollars, that we may give out occasionally to the field officers that apply. We observe what you say about Delegates to Congress, and shall use our endeavours to have it complied with when the General Assembly get together, We are &c C. S. C.

P. S. We wrote the President of Congress yesterday and mentioned the necessity of having money here, to him.

Samuel Chase Esqr

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 1777. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday, except Mr Jenifer.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Catherine Bonnar twelve Pounds eighteen Shillings and four Pence: also the further Sum of three Pounds ten Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Roberts Esquire ten Pounds two Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to Miss Nancy Howard forty three Shillings

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Minskie Eleven Pounds four Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Elisha Williams One hundred and fifty Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Bennett Matthews two hundred Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Planner Williams three hundred Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mrs Wheeler three Pounds five Shillings.

John Ross having appeared before the Council agreeable to Order, and Mr John Hardman who lodged the Information against him, not being present, Ordered that the said John Ross attend the General Assembly on the 10th Day of February next.

Copy of Letter N° 130 was sent to Mr David Stewart, Marshall, and Copy of N° 131 to Mr Jesse Hollingsworth.

Commissions issued to Philemon Warfield appointed Captain, Lancelot Warfield, first Lieutenant, Thomas Warfield, 2^d Lieut. and Joseph Warfield, Ensign of a Company of Militia belonging to the Severn Battalion, Ann Arundel County.

And to Caleb Owings, Captain of a Company in said Battalion.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C.
No. 130.

[Council to David Stewart.]

January 27th 1777

Sir. We received yours of the 26th January by Mr Muir, and shall be glad to have the state of your account as soon as convenient, that it may be laid before the General Assembly. the proportion you are to retain in your hands is two thirds of all the prizes, and effects sold, that were taken by the Defence. Had the men not received pay they would have been entituled to one half, but they having been constantly paid are entitled only to one third under the Resolves of Convention. We are, &c.

Mr. David Stewart

No. 131.

[Council to Jesse Hollingsworth]

Jany 27, 1777

Sir. We have honored your Draft for £4099. 12. 6 to Mr David Stewart, the sum is large, but as you have done and are constantly doing many Services for the State, we have therefore done it.

Whatever your account may be, we should be obliged to you from time to time to let us have it, that we may be justified to those who have put us in authority. Your account with others will be called for by the General Assembly, be pleased therefore to let us have it when convenient. Let the Ship Lydia be got ready with all expedition. When Captain Walker wants money for the Gondola he ought to apply here, and we shall supply him with what is necessary. The Ship Lydia will get bread from out of the Stores belonging to the Public, her Beef and other provisions you will be pleased to furnish out of that bought for the State. We have wrote Mr Stewart the Marshall. As to slops to be furnished Captain Cooke's people, we should be glad you would undertake it, and keep a shop always full, that they may have them when they want, but you'll please to observe that Captain Cooke or his people are to pay you, and no charge is to be made by you against the State, unless it be necessaries for the Ship's outfit. We are, &c.

Mr. Jesse Holingsworth.

[Jacob and Johnson to Council.]

Gentlemen. Fells Point January 28th 1777.

Mr Gerard Hopkins having brought us a quantity of Ticklinburg to make tents for the army, we are constrained to inform you that as labour, provision and cloathing have greatly

encreased in value, since we made the last tents for you, we cannot undertake those under 17s/6d exclusive of thread, twine and every other necessary for compleating them, and we shall use our utmost diligence for compleating them soon. You'l please to inform us whether we shall proceed thereon or not. C. S. C.

We are Gent with great respect, Your most obedt Servts
William Jacob.
William Johnson.

The Honble the Council of Safety
Annapolis

[M. Earle to John Hall.]

Sir. Chester Town 28th January 1777.

I received your favour of the 25th Inst. about an hour ago. I was concerned with Mr Ringgold last Fall in a small adventure by Capt. Crockett, in the proceeds of which I have understood there were a few blanketts, intended chiefly for our own family use. As surviving partner, I ordered the whole proceeds to be delivered to Mr Hollingsworth, with a request to him to forward them to me at this place. These I suppose must be the blanketts which Mr Hollingsworth gives you information of, and if they are wanted for the public service ours must give way: yet as our families are in real want from having supply'd the Soldiery at different times and must have, I wou'd have a dozen of them reserved for that purpose. The rest, be the number what they may, your Honble Board have enclos'd my order to Mr Hollingsworth to deliver, and Mr Galloway the first time he goes to Annapolis, will settle the price with you and receive the money for them.

I have the honor to be Sir, Your most obedt Servt
M. Earle.

The Honble John Hall Esq.
Presidt of the Council of Safety of the State of Md

[Wm. D. Beall to Council.]

Gentlemen. January 28th 1777.

Mr Contee wrote my father a few lines which he received the 28th Inst. wherein he informs him to tell me to apply to the Councill for my commissions and instructions, my being very unwell oblidg'd me to gett Mr Turnbull to call on you for them. Your compliance will much oblidge your obedt Servt.
Wm D. Beall.

The Honble The Councill of Safety, Annapolis.

C. S. C.
Original.

[Samuel Chase to Council.]

Gentlemen. Baltimore Town Jany 28th 1777.

Captain Yates will be ready to march his company tomorrow. His first Lieutenant is too ill to march. There is no second Lieutenant or Ensign appointed. It is absolutely necessary to officer his company. Capt. Yates sometime past gave you a recommendation for an ensign.

We have no intelligence of any consequence, various Reports are come to Town: it is said New York is in our possession. I can give no credit to this report. It is certain in a late skirmish between a party of our militia and a foraging party of the enemy, we killed 20, took 30 prisoners and 53 waggons and 200 British horses.

I am Gent, with Respect
Your obed^t Servant
Saml Chase.

The Honble Council of Safety of Maryland
Annapolis

C. S. C.

[Jesse Coyden, Jr., to Council.]

Gentlemen. Chester Town 28th January 1777.

I expect in a short time to raise my company. I have thirty enlisted at this time and for the want of blanketts cant draw them together. You will much oblige me if blankets and arms sufficient for the company could be sent to me at this place. I am, Gentlemen, Your most obed^t humble Servant.

The Honble The Council of Safety
Annapolis

Jesse Coyden Junr

C. S. J.

Wednesday, Jany 29. 1777.

Council met. Present as on yesterday, Mr Jenifer attended.

Vincent Trapnell of Baltimore County having appeared this Day in Consequence of an Order heretofore transmitted to Brigadier General Buchanan, and the Depositions of all the Witnesses taken on both Sides having been read, and the Allegations of the Parties heard, and due Consideration thereof had, Ordered That the said Vincent Trapnell be confined for the present under the Custody of a Guard to be appointed by Capt. Brown until the Council of Safety or other executive Power of this State shall take further Order therein.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to George Gordon six Pounds two Shillings and nine Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mr John Annis three Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bullen Esqure One hundred Pounds. C. S. J.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Charges against Vincent Trapnell and others.] C. S. C.

In Committee, Baltimore Nov. 18th 1776.

Gentlemen. The inclosed papers contain matters which to us appear allarming and interesting at this critical juncture. We have therefore sent them to you for your directions how we are to proceed thereon. Mr Bosley one of the Deponents was appointed by this Committee a collector of the fines from non-enrollers, and was in the execution of his duty when assaulted in the manner related. We are sorry to inform you that the spirit of violence and opposition to the measures which have been adopted for our common safety, grows extreamly daring and outragious in this county, so that the officers appointed to carry into execution the Resolves of convention dare not proceed without farther assistance: And the militia threaten to lay down their arms unless the fines of non-enrollers who daily insult them are strictly collected. Some speedy and vigorous measures are necessary to preserve union among the People, and effectually to destroy the rising hopes of internal enemies. This committee have done every thing that they conceived themselves impowered to do in such matters, conducting their determinations with all the lenity that the case would admit of, but this has failed to produce the desired effect. You will please to inform us what farther steps we are to take to inforce the resolves of convention.

The deserters which Justice Smith refused to commit we have ordered to Prison, in which we conceive ourselves justifiable from the necessity of the case, having only two magistrates in Town to act on any occasion and those notoriously inimical to our common cause.

The Honble. the Council of Safety
Annapolis

By Order
Saml Purviance Jr.

[James Bosley's Statement.]

Thursday last 14th of this month as I was executing my office according to orders from our Honourable Committee, at Vincent Traplins proceed'd thus, rode up a large wagon rode through his plantation, as I received directions from his neighbour Mrs Sheals, as soon as I came within a small distance of him, as he was at work looking up towards me, he swore he would blow my brains out and quickly stept to his

C. S. C. door, when he was hindered by his wife urging and beging of him not to get his gun, he turned and picked up a large stick swearing and cursing and with both hands struck my head. I fended it off as much as I could, with a small cane I rode with, otherwise the consequence might be worse than you see. During this his proceedings, I desired him to desist and that I should go away, without proceeding any further and leave the matter to your committee. he swore I should not have the liberty to go out of his inclosures, as he was fully determined to kill me. While he was about to repeat his strokes I began to ride off, he closely pursued with stones, swearing he would kill me, I rode as quick as I could, and hapily was let out of his field by a servant of Edward Bossman's, else he undoubtly would have overtaken me. The servant gave me an Intimation to ride away as fast as I could, otherwise he would kill me. I believe it was his intention, when I got out of his field. I then turned and told him I would acquaint the committee of his actings to day; he answer'd the committee and I might kiss his arse and be damned, pulling his coat apart behind, for a parcel of roguish damn'd sons of bitches, and if they came there he would use them in the same manner as I have done you &c. &c. &c.

Thus Gentlemen I have acted by your authority, till I can act no more without endangering my life, which I am determined not to do any longer without your protection, all which I leave to your present consideration and immediate assistance, as I have called a number of vandues to-morrow.

I am, Gentlemen, your humb^le^ Servt

November 18th 1776. James Bosley.

Sworn to in Committee. Witness Saml Purviance Junr chairman.

To Honble Committee of Baltimore County.

Vincent Traplin abused Bosley the officer and cursed the Convention.

[Lux to Jenifer.]

In Committee Baltimore 25th Nov. 1776.

Gentlemen. In consequence of your letter of the 23^d^ summons are issued to Vincent Trapnal, Henry Guyson, James Smith, George Brown and James Bosley to attend you Honourable Board the 4th December.

You have inclosed a further deposition on the same subject, and we apprehend a summons from your Board will have more effect, than one from our committee, and indeed we are very suspicious that the present summons will not be obeyed.

We are Gent^n^ Your most obedt. Servts,

(per order) Willm Lux V. Chairman.

The Honble Daniel of St. Thos. Jenifer Esq.

Presid^t^ of the Council of Safety, Annapolis

Baltimore Novem. 28th 1776. C. S. C.

Gentlemen. In a letter from you to the Committee of observation wherein sundry Persons are to attend your Honourable Board on Wednesday next relative to some depositions taken by a certain James Bosley and others concerning me and others. I beg the favour that you will be pleased to order summons for the following persons to appear as evidences in my behalf. viz. Hill Savage, Charles Prosser, Daniel Thomas, John Thomas, Robert Love, Philip Love, Wm Goddard, Wm Stanford, Richard Rhodes.

Several of the above named Persons being gone to Juniata and the time being too short for such persons to attend I humbly beg the Summons's for such persons may be issued to some future day, and am, Gentlemen, with the greatest deference and respect, Your most humble Servant,

The Honble Council of Safety Vincent Trapnell.
Annapolis

Baltimore County,

November 20th 1776 Came Daniel Thomas and John Thomas before me one of His Lordship's Justices of the Peace for the said County, and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that the said Daniel Thomas and John Thomas, was at a certain Richard Rodes and that a certain James Bosley and James Smith were then at said Richard Rodes and James Bosley said unto the said Rodes I suppose you will not let me sell to day, and the said Rodes reply was, you may do as you please, and that Vincent Trapling was there at the present time, which did not oppose the said James Bosley from selling any goods and chattels, nor neither was there any clubs or sticks more than the said Trapling had in his hand, which was a small walking cain, and was not oppos'd in any ways, but desir'd the said Bosley to let matters lay till they could get some redress from the committee, and they heard said Trapling ask Bosley, if he Bosley had demanded any fine of him when he was at his house, and Bosley said he did not, and further say not.

Came before me Dan[l] Thomas and John Thomas, and made oath that this Deposition is truth and fact according to the Best of their recollection. { Daniel Thomas
John Thomas.

Sworn January 1st 1777, Before me, James Calder.

Baltimore County

November 20th 1776 Then came the Subscribers before me one of his Lordship's Justices of the Peace for the said County and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty

c. s. c. God, that they the said subscribers, were at a certain Richard Rodes's and that a certain James Bosley and James Smith came to the said Richard Rodes, and James Bosley asked the said Rodes if they might come in, and the said Rodes reply'd you may come in, and James Bosley said unto the said Rodes I suppose you will not let me sell to-day, and the said Rodes reply was, you may do as you please. And that Vincent Trapling was then present at the same time, which did not oppose the said James Bosley from selling any goods or chattels, nor neither was there any clubs or sticks more than the said Trapling had in his hand, which was a small walking cain and was not oppos'd in any way, but desired the said James Bosley to let matters lie till they could get some redress from the committee.

And Charles Procer made oath that he was at Richard Rodes with the other Subscribers, but did not hear particularly the words mentioned within by the other witnesses, but that he saw no opposition made to James Bosley by any person present

Richard Rode.
Philip Love.
Hill Savage
Ed^m Goddard.

Charles his × mark Procer

Baltimore County, ss. On the first day of January 1777, the subscribers to the above deposition came before me one of the right Honorable The Proprietary of Maryland his justices for Baltimore County, and made oath severally that the said Deposition is Truth, and fact according to the best of their recollection. Sworn Before

James Calder.

Baltimore County. On the 20th day of November 1776, Came Robert Love and William Sandford before me one of His Lordship's Justices of the Peace for said county and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that they the said Robert Love and William Sandford was at a certain Richard Rodes, and that a certain James Bosley and James Smith came to the said Richard Rodes and James Bosley asked the said Rodes, if they might come in, and the said Rodes reply'd, you may come in and James Bosley said unto the said Rodes, I suppose you'll not let me sell to day, and the said Rodes said you may do as you please, and that Vincent Trapling was there at the present time, which did not oppose the said James Bosley from selling any goods and chattels, nor neither was there any more sticks than the said Trapling had in his hand, a small walking cain, and was not oppos'd in any ways, but desired the said James Bosley to let matters lay till they could get some redress from the committee, and Vincent Trapling

ask'd Bosley if he asked him for a fine the day he came to his house, and Bosley said he did not, and further they say not. C. S. C.

Robert Love.
William Sanford.

Came before me Robert Love and William Sanford and made oath that this deposition is Truth, and fact according to the best of their knowledge and recollection.

Sworn January 1st 1777, before, James Calder.

The deposition of Aquila Wilmot of Baltimore County, who being duly sworn, deposeth and saith, That about the twentieth day of November last, he the deponent, as a spectator, went to see the sale of some things at a certain Richd Rhode's distrained upon for his non-enrolling fine; When the deponent came near to the yard Gate of said Rhodes, he the said Rhodes came out at his gate, and forewarned this Deponent and those, that were with him from going into the Gate at their peril. Capt. Bosley told Mr Rhodes that he would speak with him. Mr Rhodes laughed and said "Ah, I will speak with you," upon which Captn Bosley and Rhodes went a few steps distance, and thereupon Vincent Trapnell came out of the Gate, and asked this Deponent if Bosley summoned him there, to which this deponent replied, *No.* The said Trapnell also said that Bosley had better quit collecting fines, and if he did not he would be as surely killed, as he was born, and that there were men there at that time, who came on purpose to kill him, and that he Trapnell came to save his life, and that he wanted to talk to Capt. Bosley, and advised him to quit, for it was a damned piece of roguery. Capt. Bosley and Rhodes being done conversing, Trapnell told Capt. Bosley to go home, and not to proceed any further, for if he did, that he would be killed, as sure as he was a man, and that this Deponent thinks said Trapnell lifted up his cane and said that if Bosley did proceed, he would not give that for his life (shaking his cane) which Hill Savage seconded. There were some others also who did the same.

Capt. Bosley then told them, that there seemed to be an overmatch for him there, but that he (Bosley) would apply to the Committee for a guard of men to support him in the collection of the fines. Vincent Trapnell then desired to know the time and place, and that he wanted fair play, jumping up and knocking his heels together, swearing by God "he was Bottom," and turning round to his company said that he could raise 500 men by night and 1500 men by Saturday night. It was also proposed by some of the Company then assembled, to pull down Capt. Bosley's house and destroy his Living, which proposition Trapnell acquiesced in. During which

C. S. C. time Trapnell among others used a great deal of ill language, and challenged a certain Smith, who went with Captn Bosley, to fight, and further this Deponent saith not.

Aquila Willmott.

Sworn in Council of Safety this
27th day of Jany 1777. J. Hall.

To be sold at Richard Rodes on the 18th of this Instant by public Sale in the morning 5 cows, one Bull, one two year old colt and 12 Sheep taken and destrained upon for his non-enrolling fine. Attention will be given by

Jas. Bosley.

Baltimore County Ss^{t}

The deposition of John Willmot son of Robt aged twenty four years who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangeles of Almighty God deposeth and saith, that on Wednesday the 20th Inst. he was asked by Capt. James Bosley (who is appointed by the Committee of Baltimore County to collect fines from non-enrollers,) to go with him to Richard Rhodes, whose effects were distrained for payment of a fine, and advertised that day for sale. That accordingly he went in company with the said Capt. Bosley, James Smith, Aquilla Willmot and Charles Bosley, and when he came to the gate, they were met by Vincent Trapnell, Hill Savage, Danl Thomas, John Thomas Junr Philip Love Wm Sanford, Richard Rhodes and several others at the gate, all with clubs in their hands, who told them to Stop, and Richard Rhodes forewarned them from going into his yard, and then Vincent Trapnel said he came there to save Bosley's life that day, as there was men there intended to kill him, and told Capt. Bosley to go home and live honest, and not go on collecting fines any further; Hill Savage held up his Stick and said if he proceeded any further he would not give that for his life; and Vincent Trapnel added he could raise 500 men before night to join him, and 1500 before Saturday night if he wanted them, and further asked Capt. Bosley where the artillery company was, as he heard he intended to bring them and they were ready to face them at any time, and further saith not. John Willmott, son of Robt

Sworn in Committee 25th Novr 1776.

Test, Saml Purviance Junr
Chairman of Committee.

On the 14th day of November 1776 I was in Company with Mr James Bosley, when he was collecting the fines upon Mine

Run Hundred, when we proceeded to Vincent Traplings, who c. s. c.
we found some distance from his dwelling house, a hewing a piece of timber, as soon as we came about 20 yards of him, he found it was Capt. James Bosley when he immediately dropt the ax and the piece of Timber and run to his dwelling house saying all the way that he went with his hand waving at us, that he would be damn'd if he did not blow James Bosley's brains out, however his wife met him at the door crying out to him for God sake not to get the gun and with her being so uneasy prevented him, and then he turn'd about, and snatched up a large Stick about three foot long, run up to Bosley and laid on with both of his hands upon him while he was on his horse, which cut him very bad upon his head. I suppose he lost half a pint of blood from the wound, and Bosley told him before he struck that if he would forewarn him from distraining that he would not proceed and go about his business, and let the Gentlemen of the Committee handle him as they thought proper, which he damned all the Committee for a pack of damn'd rogues, and they might kiss his asse, and that if they was there he would serve them in the same manner as what I have done you, and that he would not give him the liberty of going to the committee but would kill him before he got out of his enclosures, throwing at Bosley stones and every thing that came in his way, as he was riding to leave him, and after he left Bosley and returned to me and made an offer to strike me, and swore he had a great mind to give it to me. We was inform'd by several of the neighbours that Traplin threaten he would shoot Bosley when he came for his fine, and I should have prevented him from striking Bosley or myself by a Hanger I had by my side, if Mr Bosley had not of told me before we came to Traplins not by any means to strike him with the Hanger, however I went then to look for Bosley, and when I came up with him I found him bleeding and he mentioned to me if I thought it would not be better to go to some house and wash the blood off of him and cut the hair from the wound which I told him I thought it would be best, we then rode up to a house belonging to John Stevenson and found in the house a white servant man who got us some water, and a pair of scissors and while I was cutting the hair off the wound comes Traplin to the door cursing and swearing at Bosley with a stick in his hand, and with that I stept to the door and told him he did not act like a man of courage to follow another off of his plantation after using a man after the manner he had done Bosley, and after he and I had several words he went off cursing and swearing like a mad man.

The whole of which I have inserted here I am verry willing

c. s. c. to be quallified to, if the Gentlemen of the Committee think proper. James Smith.

Nov. 18th 1776.

Sworn to in Committee. Witness

Saml Purviance Junr Chairman.

Gentlemen. I have taken the deposition of nine men to satisfy your honours that I am clear of the facts laid to my charge by a certain James Bosley which proves my innocency and also have sent you this proceeding of Joseph Hilton from his own hands, how ileagel they took his sheep and have sent his ussage to a child of Charles Gorsuch on his own plantation, and Gentlemen I could send you many others of the like but not to troble your Honours, I shall conclude with these few words that its very ill convenient for me to attend, at present hoping that your Honours will be satisfied, if not I will come when weather will permitt, and with due respect I shall be yours to serve. Vin. Trapnall.

Account of my expenses a going to Anopolis as an evidence against Vincent Trapnal.

To Tavern Expenses	£1	7	0
To self and horse 3 days at /10s	1	10	0
Errors excepted pr John Willmott	£2	17	0

Baltimore County Feb. 12th 1777. Then came John Willmott Junr before mee the Subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace for the county aforesaid and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, that the above account is just and true as it stands stated. Sworn Before,

Benjamin Rogers.

My expences going to Anapolis against Vincent Traplin.

To Tavern Expences,	£2	19	2
To 4 days time myself and horse,	3	0	0
Errors excepted pr me A Willmott	£5	19	2

1777 February 13th Then came Aquila Willmott before me the subscriber one of the Proprietory's justices of the Peace for Baltimore County and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, that the above accompt is just and true as the same stands stated and that he never received any security or satisfaction for the same.

Sworne Before me

Geo. Gould Dresbury.

Expenses attending Baltimore Committee and the Honble c. s. c. Council of Safety.

1776.	To James Bosley		Dr	
Nov.	Expence to committee to enter complaint vs. Vinc. Traplin,	£0	7	6
	One days lost time. then, with a horse,	0	18	0
Dec. 3d	expences pr Council of Safety summons at Rush's 10/1 Dorsey's 7/1, Stevens 3/10,	1	1	0
	At Footes 2/3, Batts 14/2 Jno. Smith 7 miles 6d	1	3	11
	To 3 days lost time then with a horse 10/	1	10	0
27.	To Doct. Love's Bill rendered and paid	2	17	6
	Expence to the Council of Safety pr Gl Buchanan's order at Ruch 1/6, at M Dowels 4/ Tootles 1/3,	0	5	3
	at Annapolis 34/4 Tootles 4/6 McDowels 2/,	2	0	10
	at Chalssey 5/ at Buck 4/8,	0	9	8
	at Armstrong	0	2	6
	Ferriages omitted 6 times over Peteford	0	6	0
	4 days lost time and then with a horse 10/ from the 27th Inst.	2	0	0
	Expences of a foundered horse at Anapolis slept there 11 days and expences there and on his way home per favour of Mr James Everett	3	3	6
		£20	3	4½

I can not make any estimate for the Horses lost times as he appears to be rendered intirely useless. The horse cost me £16 0 0 a twelve months ago which I hope will be taken in consideration.

February 10th 1777. Then came Jas. Bosley before me chairman of the Committee for Baltimore County and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that the above account is just and true as it stands stated, and that he hath received no parcel thereof, security or satisfaction for the same to the best of his knowledge

before £6 8 James his × mark, Bosley

Jas. Calhoun.

C. S. C. Expenses attending Council of Safety at Anapolis

1777.	To Charles Bosley.			Dr
Jany 27:	To expence at Rucks 1/11 ferage in Patapsco 1/c	£0	2	1
	To Do at McDonels 4/5 at Tootle's 1/3	0	5	8
	To Do at Anapolis 34/4 Do at Do 4/c	1	18	4
	To Do at McDonel's 2/c Do at Chalssey's 5/c	0	7	0
	To Do at Ruck's 4/8 Do at Armstrong's 2/c	0	6	8
	To five days lost time with a horse to testyfy against Vincent Traplin pr order of James Bosley from Genl Buchanan at 15/c per day	3	15	0
	Errors excepted pr Charles Bosley.	£6	15	7

February 5th 1777.

Then came Charles Bosley before me one of his Lordship's Justices of the Peace for Baltimore County and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, that the above account is just and true as it stands stated, and that he has received no part or parcel thereof, security or satisfaction for the same to the best of his knowledge. Sworn before,

40s. Hers Courtenay.

Capt. James Bosley

1776.	To Thomas Love			Dr
Novr 14th	To visiting, dressing &c. wounded Head	£1	7	6
"	To Emplas Diachyl.	0	7	6
20,	To Emplas Cam	0	7	6
	To medicine and sundry dressings since the above date,	0	15	0
	Errors excepted pr Thomas Love.	£2	17	6

January 25th 1777. Then came Doct. Thomas Love before me one of his Lordships justices of the Peace for Baltimore County and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that the above account is just and true as it stands stated and that He has received no part and parcel thereof, security or satisfaction for the same to the best of his knowledge. Sworn Before

Benjamin Rogers.

January 27th 1777. C. S. C.

I then received the contents of the within account from Capt. James Bosley in full. Thomas Love.

The State of the Province of Maryland,

1776.	To James Smith			Dr
December 3d	paid David Rusks in Baltimore Town,	£0	2	4
	pd the widow Dorsey at Patapsco Ferry,	0	6	0
	pd Stevens formerly Widow Ramseys	0	5	7
	pd Tootle	0	1	7½
	pd Maybury in Anapolis	0	10	2
	pd my expences tending the Committee of Baltimore County	0	7	6
1777 Jany 6.	pd David Rusk	£0	10	1
	pd the Widow Dorsey	0	7	1
	pd Stevens	0	3	10
	pd Tootle	0	2	3
	pd Ball in Annapolis	0	14	0
	pd Jno Smith (Fells Point Balt)	0	7	0
	pd Miles	0	0	6
	To 9 days loss of time tending the Council of Safety on account of Vincent Traplin at 10/	4	10	0
Errors excepted in James Smith		£8	8	1½

Harford County January 14th 1777.

Then came James Smith before me the subscriber one of the Lord Proprietor's Justices of the Peace for said county and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that the above account is just and true as it stands stated, and that he has not received any part nor parcel nor security for the same to the best of his knowledge. Thomas Bond.

Gentlemen. I have sent you an account of what money I have paid for my expences going to, at and from Anapolis attending the Council of Safety and attending the Committee of Baltimore County concerning Vincent Traplin.

James Smith.

Baltimore County sst

January 25th 1777. Then personally appeared before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace for the county

C. S. C. aforesaid James Ogleby and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, that some time in June or July last he the said James Ogleby went with Capt. James Bosley to the House of a certain Vincin Trapnell at which time he this Deponent see the said James Bosley shew the said Trapnell a list of the Peoples Fines in the county aforesaid for not associating and enroleing agreable to the resolve of the Honorable convention of the Province of Maryland, and that the said James Bosley told the said Trapnell that he was then going about to give the people a months notice on account of their respective fines aforesaid and this Deponent further saith not.

Taken before me the day and year above written. Benjamin Rogers. James Ogleby.

By chance I met Vincent Traplin on the Rode 25th Inst, and presented him with this letter (a copy of the same I sent him the day before) at the sight of which he damned me, &c shaking a Grape vine with a large end to it at me. Swearing if a man was absent who was with him he would do for me. The man shamed him, begged him to ride on. he then rode away threatning me with abusive Language.

James Bosley.

Sir. This day at 10 o'clock is to be examined at Mr Benjamin Rogers some evidences concerning your opposition to me in the collection of fines &c. James Bossley

24th January 1777. To Mr Vincent Traplin.

Baltimore County ss.

Then came James Tibbitt before me one of his Lordship's Justices of the Peace for the county fore said and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that one Sunday was at James Bossley's house and there was disturbance between him and his mother and I said to Bossley I am sorrey to see discord between mother and son and the said Bosley said that she had not acted like a mother for when Hill Savage and my mother was at law, had I not both presuaded people to say and to sweare, or my mother wood a lost the cause.

27th January 1777. Benjamin Rogers. James Tibbitt.

Baltimore County ss. Then came Frances Haislit before me one of his Lordship's Justices of the Peace for the county aforesaid and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that on the 24th day of this Instant, he heard Vincent Trapnall ask a certain James Bosley as he believes if he hindred him from selling at Richard Rodes and Bossley said no, and Trapnall asked him if any one that was there did and Bossley said no. Francis Haislit.

January 27th 1777. Benjamin Rogers.

Baltimore County ss. C. S. C.

Then came John Cox before me one of his Lordships Justice of the Peace for the county aforesaid and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that on Friday the 27th of December last that he heard a man ask Vincent Trapnall if he went to Richard Rodes to hinder Bosley from selling, and Trapnall said he did not

James his × mark Cox

27th January 1777. Benjamin Rogers.

Gentlemen.

Mr James Bossley came to my house in October and destrained on one cow and twelve head of sheep for my fine which was three pound, and he came again on the first of November and brought several men with him and set up all the sheep at five shillings and these men which he brought with him run up the sheep in a few minutes to the three pound directly Mr Bosley struck them of to James Smith, my father ofred them fore pound and my wife ofered them one of the best sheep there was, and not for them to carry my sheep away and they would not. Joseph Hilton.

The deposition of Charles Bosly who being duly sworn saith, That about the 20th of November 1776, he this deponent went as a spectator to see the sale of some things of Richard Rhodes, destrained upon for his non enrolling fine. When this deponent came to Rhode's Gate, a small distance from his house, this deponent perceived a number of people not less He thinks than 20. Richard Rhodes and Vincent Trapnall came and forewarned the deponent's brother James Bosley, and others who were with him, from going any further, at which this deponent and those that went with him, stopt, seeing the said company all to be armed, chiefly with clubs, some with guns, wearing powder horn and shott Bags, all seemed develish inclined, as clearly appeared from their conversation. The first that spoke, was Traplin, who told this Deponents Brother not to proceed any further, but go home from collecting of fines, for that he should be as surely killed as he was a man. This Deponent's Brother told Trapnell, that there seemed to be an overmatch there then, but said that he would apply to the Committee for a file of men to assist in collecting of the fines. Traplin beged he would give him notice of the place he would begin at, he wanted fair play with him, as he expressed it, at the same time jumped up, knocking his heels together, swearing by God that he was Bottom for them, and turned round to his company, crying "Huzza Boys we can get any day 500 men to our assistance." Then Trapnell and

C. S. C. his companions began to abuse this Deponant, and his associates in a very Blackguard manner. Some of the company said, they were a match for us, either with clubs or Guns, and further this Deponent saith not. Charles Bossley.

Sworn to in Council this 20th day of January 1777, before
I. Hall.

[Petition of Charles Gorsuch.]

This Humble Petition to the Honourable Council of Safety, setting at the City of Annapolis, Maryland.

Sheweth. That I your Honours most humble petitioner having been by sundry honest and good charactered persons, resideing in and about this neighborhood, advised to acquaint your Honours of the late proceedings of a certain James Bosley, his most rash and inhuman usage, within the confines of my own lands and possessions and upon my own son. Gentleman, last seeding time this said James Bosley came (with a company of men with guns, himself haveing pistols and a sword) upon my plantation, and interupted my people from work, violently pricking or striking my son in five sundry places in the temples, in the throat, close under his eye, and twice in his belly, my son retreating for to secure his life from such eminent peril, picking up a small stick which lay on the ground, the said James Bosley swore if that he advanced one step forward he would blow his brains out, after this with his company they forced my children and servants out of my own possessions and sowed wheat therein himself, and Gentlemen since this I have legally got these possessions then disputed by the said James Bosley, and gentlemen he lies bound over to the Peace, tho he carries those or such armes wherewith he acted with such violence weapons Gentlemen which I think becomes men of valour haveing cool heads, being steady, virtuous and of an honest principle This and more Gentlemen I could affirm with truth, And I leave it with submission to your Honours Councill to judge whether it be reasonable that this said James Bosley should be allowed to carry such weapons as those or not.

I remain your Honours Submissive Petitioner. his mark
Charles Gorsuch Senr C. G.

[Gerrard Hopkins to Council.]

Gentlemen. Baltimore January 29th 1777.

I wrote you some days past that Messrs Vanbibber and Crockett had disposed of the Ticklenburg you desired I would get, and have made into tents immediately. Mr Crockett not

being at home, I was wrongly informed, but have since bought it and have delivered it to the Tent makers to be made immediately. You have herewith enclosed an account of it. I have this day received from Mr Richardson and Mr Cannon 250 pair shoes of each, and can inform you that Mr Cannon's are deserving of 2/6 or 3/ more per pair than Richardson's. C. S. C.

I am, Gent. Your obedient Servt

Gerrard Hopkins, son Rd.

The Honble The Council of Safety Annapolis

[Memorial of Chew's Company.]

Anne Arundel County Jany 29th 1777.

The company of militia commanded by Capt. Richard Chew, beg leave to represent to the Honourable the General Assembly of this State, that they did on the 11th day of September 1776, present a commission to the late Honourable Convention, praying that new officers might be appointed to command their company, they being unanimously averse to serve under the officers then commanding them, on account of sundry misdemeanors committed by them therein mentioned, which petition from the multiplicity of business was then not answered. Colonel Weems having issued orders to the officers to collect the several companys, they take this public method of testifying their willingness to turn out in the service of their country, on this urgent crices, provided they are commanded by officers, whom they can rely on for their bravery and conduct. They therefore pray that the Honourable house of Assembly, would issue orders for a new election of officers in their company, or (if the exegency of affairs is such as not to admit of the delay) to appoint such officers belonging to the company, as the Honourable House may think propper, and that their late officers be emediately discharged as persons unfit to hold such commissions.

To the Honble Council of Safety of Maryland, at Annapolis.

[John M. Burgess to Council.]

Gent. January 29th 1777.

I understand you have honour'd me with a commission, and am sorry to inform you it is not in my power to except of it, through an indisposition of body I find myself not able to recruit men this winter and as there is an immediate call for men, I think I do justice to the State as well as to myself in refusing, as I am not able to do my duty.

I am Gentlemen,

Your most obedient & humble Servt

The Honble. Council of Safety of Maryland

John M. Burgess.

C. S. C. [Samuel Chase to Council.]

Gentlemen Baltimore Town Jany 29th 1777.

I am directed by Congress to lay the enclosed copy of a letter from Mr Bingham before our General Assembly.

The privates of Capt^ns Smith's Company petitioned the Congress and I am ordered to enclose the papers to your Board.

I am, Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
S. Chase

The Honble Council of Safety
at Annapolis

C. S. J. Thursday, January 30. 1777.

Council met. Present as on yesterday, except Mr Jenifer.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Beriah Maybury two hundred and ten Pounds two Shillings and a Penny.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lt John Jeremiah Jacobs for the use of Capt. Andrew Hynes seven hundred Dollars.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Reynolds thirty eight Pounds ten Shillings: Also the further Sum of forty four Shillings and six Pence.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. [Charles Rumsey to Council.]

Gentlemen Cecil County Jany 30th 1777.

By your letter of the twenty sixth Inst. I received the Resolve of Congress wherein they request that there should be thirty six privates commanded by two commissioned officers (with four Sergeants and four corporals. These privates believe me, will take all the officers of the company to get them in the service, and am apprehensive that must be done by force, which the convention of this Province have not given a licence to do, altho' if the officers are allowed to each Company, it will strengthen our hands.

In your last you desire my giving marching orders to my Battalion which I do this day, that they may be ready at the Head of Elk on Wednesday next for that purpose of joyning Genl Washington. But Gentlemen, a Body of men will not march without necessaries and money, which we are not supplied with.

Col^o Hollingsworth will present this letter and can give every necessary information relative to our Battalion.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your most obed^t Hum^ble Servt
Charles Rumsey.

Honble Council of Safety of
Maryland

Friday, January 31. 1777. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday. Mr Jenifer attended. Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Nicholson junr five Pounds Currency.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Parker six Pounds fifteen Shillings

That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Peter Chaille six Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Richardson seventy five Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Cannon seventy five Pounds.

James Smith of Frederick County recognizes in the Sum of One hundred Pounds Currency to appear before the Council of Safety, or other executive Power, on the tenth Day of February next.

James Wells and William Winchester junior severally recognize in the Sum of one hundred Pounds for the Appearance of the said James Smith on the Day abovementioned.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Drain two hundred and fifty one Pounds eleven Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to the honorable Daniel of St Thomas Jenifer Esquire forty one Pounds six shillings for his Attendance as President of the Council.

Copy of Letter No 132 was sent to Mr Jesse Hollingsworth, and Copy of No 133 to Mr Gerrard Hopkins.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Jesse Hollingsworth.] C. S. C. No. 132.

Sir, We have not as yet fully and finally determined what to do with the Ship Lydia, whether we shall load her with Tobacco in Portsmouth or with flour Bread and Tobacco at Baltimore Town. We will let you know more about the matter in a few days. We cannot spare you at this time to march with the militia and request you would show this letter to the commanding officers and let them know, we have given you an exemption on account of your being employed in the Service of the State in their Business, which cannot be neglected. We are, Sir.

P. S. We wrote you the other day which comes by the same opportunity. January 31st 1777.

To Jesse Hollingsworth. We are, Sir, yours &c.

[Council to Gerard Hopkins.] No. 133.

Jany 31st 1777

Sir: We have received your letter about Ticklenburghs, and also from Wm Jacobs and Mr Johnson about making

C. S. C. Tents. They ask 17/6 linen thread, Twine &c, which we think extravagant. We request you would endeavour to get them done upon better Terms, if you can, and let us hear from you. Thread may be got from John McFadon.

Mr. Gerard Hopkins We are, &c.

[Prince George's Co. Committee to Council.]

Gent. Prince Georges County Jany 31st 1777.

In consequence of a resolve from the Honble Congress, and your letter of date the 26th Inst. we have requested a meeting of the eleventh Battalion on Thursday the sixth February. That Battalion being without any field officers recommend Mr Thomas Sim Lee as Colonel, Mr Luke Marbury Lieut. Col. and Messrs Truman Skinner and William Lyles Junr Majors. No time being mentioned either in Resolve of Congress or in your letter what space of time the said Militia are to continue, it would be necessary to acquaint us by the day the Battalion meets, as it may very much forward the Militia of this county engaging in the service. We likewise request the commissions for the Field officers being sent by the earliest opportunity. We are Gent.

with request, Your most obed^{t} Hum^{ble} Servt

(By order) Jos. Beall chairman.

The Honble Council of Safety
Annapolis

Original. [Samuel Chase to Council.]

Gentlemen. Baltimore Town Jany 31st 1777.

I sent you yesterday by Mr John Gassaway nineteen thousand dollars.

I must again press you to solicit a Representation for our State. The order of this day is to appoint a number of General Officers. Are we interested in the choice of General's? I shall endeavour to put off this Business for a few days. Three of the middle States New York, Deleware and Maryland unrepresented. North Carolina will be so in a day or two. Complaints are so loud in Congress on this Subject, that expresses are sent to New York and Delaware, and I expect our Assembly will be intreated to send their delegates. It is not only necessary to be represented but be assured, the business, the Interest of these States require a full Representation. We have not 30 members in congress, and it is not only improper but impossible, for so small a number to conduct so very important business. Be pleased to communicate

these my sentiments to our General Assembly. We hourly expect to hear of some important news from Camp. C. S. C.

I am, Gent, with Regard & Respect,
Sam[l] Chase.

The Hon[ble] Council of Safety of M[d] Annapolis

[Baltimore Committee to Council.]

Gentlemen. In Committee Baltimore 31st January 1777.

We received your letter of the 26th Inst. and in consequence called a general meeting of our committee to consider on the expediency of the march of the militia. There is now four Batalions formed, one other we request you to send Commissions for immediately and is composed of the following companies.

Gist Vaughan Capt Thos. More 1st Lieut. Nicholas Merryman Jun[r] 2nd Do Humphrey Chilcoat Ensign	49 Privates
Alexes Lemmon Capt. Henry Warham 1st Lieut. Thos. Stansbury Jun[r] 2nd Do Peter Nace Ensign	37 Privates
John Hall, Capt. Thomas Marshal 1st Lieut. Philip Stilts 2nd Do William Davis Ensign	48 Privates
Robert Lemmon Capt. Mordecai Cole 1st Lieut Peter Snap 2nd Do Sam[l] Adams Ensign	40 Privates
Thos. Gist Jun[r] Capt John Murry 1st Lieut. Christ[r] Vaughan 2nd Do. Joshua Gist, Ensign	44 Privates
John Showers	This company took away the Enrollment and has not ret[d] it again. We dont know the other officers.

We understand these companies recommend Thomas Gist Jun[r] for their Col[o] Frederick Decker Lieut. Col[o] Joshua Gist 1st Major, Gist Vaughan 2nd Major and John Hall son of Joshua Quarter master. No commissions have been sent for the following officers.

Nathaniel Brittain 1st Lieut.
Benjamin Talbot 2nd D[o]
Nicholas Haile, son of Geo. Ensign
} in Capt. Jno. Cockey's company.

William Wilkinson Capt. Sabrit Sellers 1st Lieut. Nicholas Norwood 2nd D[o] and Philip Woolrich, Ensign.

We find on looking over the different Battalions that they composed about 2100 men at their return, but from the great numbers already inlisted in the land and sea service we imagine they do not amount to more than 1500. Under the present circumstances we do not think it expedient or prudent that more than one third should march as we have certain inteligence that three or four men of War are now in the Bay and as high up as Guynn's Islands and the great number of Tories among us and the necessary Guards now wanting here.

C. S. C. You will find by a copy of our proceedings inclosed, the mode we have adopted for forming the whole into one Battalion which we hope will be pleasing.

We are Gentlemen, your most obedient Humb. Servts.
(per order) Jas. Calhoun, chairman.

The Honble Council of Safety at Annapolis

In Committee Baltimore 31st Jany 1777.

A letter from the Council of Safety was laid before the Committee, containing a requisition for marching the militia of this County to reinforce Genl Washington. The Committee are of opinion that the one third part of the whole militia be requested to march, that every Batalion in the county meet on some day before the eighth of January and determine by ballot the names of those who are to march. That the name of every man in the Company be put in whether present or not, and on whomsoever the lott may fall he shall march, that when all have drawn, and it is determined who are to go, the number of each Batalion to form themselves into full companies and chuse the officers out of the Batalion. And when the whole are formed into companies, then the officers composing the whole to chuse out of the Field officers already appointed in the county, a colonel, a Lieut. Colonel, two majors and a Quarter master for said Batalion.

(Extracts from the minutes) Jas. Calhoun, chrm

C. S. J. Saturday, February 1, 1777.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Commissions issued to Benjamin Griffith appointed first Lieutenant, David Stewart, second Lieutenant, and John Merryman Ensign of Captain John Smith's Company of Militia in Baltimore County.

To John Martindear appointed Captain
Abraham Miller, first Lieutenant
Christian Lafever, second Lieutenant
Henry Woolhile Ensign

To Ignatius Elder, second Lt
Francis Elder Ensign, of Companies in Col. James Johnson's Battalion of militia.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Mrs Priscilla Pinkney fifty three Pounds eleven Shillings

That the said Treasurer pay to Joshua Frazier thirty nine Pounds seven Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Niven & Co. fifty four Pounds eleven Shillings and three Pence. C. S. J.

That the said Treasurer pay to Zephaniah Turner for the use of the Committee of Observation for Charles County One hundred and fifty Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Isaac McHard three hundred and fifty Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Cummins four hundred Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mary Beaufort three Pounds six Shillings.

That the Eastern Shore Treasurer pay to Edward Lloyd Esquire One thousand Pounds.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Joseph Merriken to Council.] C. S. C.

Worthy Gentlemen. February the 1st 1777.

As a vacancy has happened in the field officers of Severn Battalion, by a choice of our worthy Colon's Hall and Hammond as Representatives for the House, as our Majors has risen to the degree of Colonels, I apprehend that a regular rise for the Inferior officers takes place. If so I think (but am not convinced) that my enrolment is the second in the Battalion, Capt. Hammond commanded the first, he being promoted gave his first Lieutenant the rise to a Captaincy, myself commanding the second company, was then the oldest captain, which with submission I presume entitles me to a Major's commission. If a recommendation is necessary to promotion, I flatter myself I can come well recommen'd for my assiduity and heartiness in the common cause.

from Gentlemen, with all due respect
Your most obedt and very humbl Servt
Joseph Merriken.

The Honble The Council of the
State of Maryland. This

[Jenifer to Charles Carroll and others.] Lib. MA. p. 232.

Letter from Daniel of St Thomas Jenifer Esquire, to C. Carroll of Carrolton Jos: Nicholson Jr Turbt Wright, Brice T. B. Worthington and Saml Wilson Esquires, February 2d 1777.

Stepney Feby 2d 1777.

Gentlemen I am exceedingly sorry that you should have cause to Suspect, that the Constitution formed by the late convention would be dissolved by the non-attendance of

Lib. MA. those who were Elected Senators, and in consequence thereof,
p. 233. the power of framing a new one would revert to the people; rather than this should be the case, and blame be thrown at my Door, I will if possible attend to morrow, and qualify, but with the express reservation of retiring for some time from Public business, the weight of which has already borne me down, to that degree, that without relaxation I shall sink under it.

As you desire me to give my reasons for not attending, I will candidly do it, without saying anything of your Rights, presuming that you only desired a friendly opportunity of removing any scruples, I might have imbibed, against taking a part in the new Government.

The partiality I have always had for the old Government, has and still is such a dead weight upon my spirits, that I am confident that I cannot discharge the trust which is about to be reposed in me, with that energy and alacrity which the new will require. I was sensible of this imbecility from my first taking a part in the unhappy dispute between Great Britain and her Colonies, which I did more with a view of being Instrumental in promoting a reconciliation, than from any expectation of being driven to the fatal necessity of Cuting the knot which linked and tied both Countries together.

And therefore it was that I ever openly declared against taking a part in the new Constitution, further than by personally opposing all invaders of my rights in common with my fellow Citizens. But were my Fortitude and Strength of mind much superior to what I find them to be; I have objections that appear to me insuperable as to the new form of Government, which is calculated more for the times of peace than of War.

In attempting to excell, there have been so many gradations, and exclusions that there will not be men enough found of sufficient abilities to turn the Machine with that velocity which the present exigencys of our Affairs require. Besides the Senate does not appear to me to be the Child of the people at Large, and therefore will not be supported by them longer than there subsists the most perfect union between the different Legislative branches. How long that may be, you, who know mankind full as well as I do, may easily determine. The Credit of the different Paper Emissions of money must be supported, or opposition will be at an End: to do this, Taxes must be laid, and the money made a legal tender; the mode of doing which may not alike suit every man, hence will arise diversity of Sentiment, warmth will ensue and your Government immediately be dissolved, to explain myself. The two
p. 234. houses are composed of 89 members. 8 of whom have it in

their power to counteract 81. will they submit? There is but one Remedy that occurs to me, i. e., to pass an Act incorporating the Two houses into one for twelve months, and out of this conjunction to create an Executive Council. Lib. MA.

Perhaps the want of power without consulting the people may be objected to this plan. I can to this answer, that if former Coventions had a right to elect members to Congress and to Council of Safety that were not entrusted by the people, surely when they have their confidence by Delegation, they may conjoin for a time, especially when the general Interest is so immediately concerned.

It always appeared to me an impropriety as Agent, to have any share in divesting the Proprietor of his Rights, but as I have had frequent and possitive assurances, that compensation would be made to him for what necessity obliged the people to take, I am the less delicate on that Subject, than I otherwise should have been, having the fullest reliance on the Justice and Equity of the General Assembly of the State of Maryland. I have the honor to be, Gentlemen

Your Most Ob^{t} Hbl. Servt
Dan of St Thos Jenifer.

Monday, February 3, 1777. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on Saturday, except Mr Nicholson.

Mr Jenifer, Mr Plater, and Mr Thomas attended.

The Council proceeded to appoint a member in the Room of James Lloyd Chamberlaine Esquire who declined to act, and Turbutt Wright Esquire was appointed.

Copy of Letter N° 134 was sent to Brig^{r} General Henry Hooper, Copy of N° 135 to Col. William Richardson, Copy of N° 136 to Capt. James Campbell, Copy of N° 137 to Col. Mordecai Gist, and Copy of N° 138 to the honorable John Hancock Esquire, President of Congress.

Turbutt Wright Esquire attended and was qualified before Mr Jenifer by taking the Oath prescribed by the Convention.

Ordered that Mr Joseph Middleton proceed immediately to Talbot County, with his Pilot Boat, and bring away all Stores lodged there, belonging to the Public.

That Isaac McHard be requested to cause all the Provisions in Somerset, Worcester and Dorchester Counties belonging to the Continent or to this State to be brought up to this Place, or to Baltimore Town with all convenient speed.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Bullen Esquire two hundred and twenty five Pounds nineteen Shillings and five Pence: the further Sum of ten Pounds two Shillings and Eight Pence: And the further Sum of One hundred Pounds.

C. S. J. That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker three Pounds for going Express.

Commissions issued to Joseph Dashiell appointed Colonel, John Done, Lieutenant Colonel, Robert Done, first major of a Battalion of Militia in Worcester County.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 134.

[Council to Hooper.]

Sir. We have heretofore wrote you about the Tories in Somerset and Worcester Counties, since which we have received no answer from you; but a large packett with a letter, and Resolves of the Honorable Congress has this day come to hand together with a number of depositions all relating to the same subject, viz. the Torys in those two Counties and in Sussex County. Congress have directed that they should be suppressed by the militia if it can be done, if not by the assistance of the Regulars. We send you a list of the names of such people as Congress have directed to be apprehended in the two counties of this State. Col° Gist has orders to march down to Somerset with him you will be pleased to consult. We have wrote to Col° Richardson who has offered his service by Letter we think him a very proper person to take the command. we have wrote him to that purpose and request you would give him all the assistance that may be necessary by giving you orders to send of the Militia of your brigade to move forward under him as may be depended upon and let their number be equal to the resistance you may upon the best judgment you and he can form of the affair expect to meet with. We hope all will be quiet by this time Col° Richardson can get there and are with regard and Esteem

Your mo. Obed. Serv^ts

P. S. We have wrote to Capt Campbell to come down to your assistance with the Enterprize

Brigadier General Hooper.

No. 135.

[Council to William Richardson.]

Sir. We saw your letter to Mr Wilson and are pleased to find your readiness to take any steps in your power towards suppressing the disaffected on your side of the Bay. We have a letter and Resolves of the Honble Congress just come to hand, together with a number of depositions all relating to the same subject, viz. the Torys in Somerset and Worcester and in Sussex Counties. Congress have directed that they should be suppressed by the assistance of the Regulars. We

send you a list of the names of such persons as Congress have directed to be apprehended in the two counties of this province. Col° Gist has orders to march down to Somerset, with him you will be pleased to consult, as also with Brigadier General Hooper to whom also we have wrote on the occasion; take with you such of the Militia as may be depended on also any Regulars that may be in your neighbourhood, and let their number be equal to the resistance Brigadier Hooper, Col° Gist and yourself may expect to meet with. We hope all will be quiet by the time you can get there. We are, &c. C. S. C.

P. S. We have wrote to Capt Campbell to come down to . your assistance with the Enterprize

Col. Richardson.

[Council to James Campbell.] No. 136.

Sir. We understand from Mr Chase that you are willing to undertake an expedition into Somerset County with the Enterprize to suppress some disturbances that have arisen in that and the neighbouring Counties, be ready and call here at Annapolis on your way down for further orders.

Capt James Campbell.

[Council to Gist.] No. 137.

Sir. We understand from Mr Chase that you are willing to undertake an expedition into Somerset County to suppress some disturbances that have arisen in that and the neighbouring Counties. We request you would get ready to march with three or four hundred Militia or Regulars if Congress can spare them, and call here on your way down for further orders. We have wrote to Brigadier Hooper and Col° Richardson to get ready to assist you and with them you are to consult. We are &c.

Col° Mordecai Gist.

[Council to Hancock.] No. 138.

Sir. Your letter and papers relative to the disaffected people in Somerset and Worcester Counties we received this day. The General Assembly is not yet got together, and Brigadier General Smallwood is in Charles County. We apprehend that delay would be of evil consequence, and therefore have wrote to Brigadier General Hooper and Col° Richardson on the Eastern Shore to get ready some Militia

C. S. C. and what few Regulars may be in their neighbourhood to march into Somerset. We have also wrote to Col° Gist (who offered his service) at Baltimore to move forward with some militia and Regulars in case you approve. We have also wrote to Capt. Campbell to assist with the Enterprize and to call upon us for orders as Col° Gist has also direction to do. our assembly will then we expect be sitting, and shall lay the despatches before them and obey its commands in the further prosecution of this Business. For & on behalf &c

John Hancock Esquire

[Council to Jeremiah Holden.]

Sir. We are informed that you have a schooner which sails well and will carry about 4 or 500 Barrells of flour, if you incline to let us have her on freight to the West Indias, we will take her of you and insure her to the sum she may be valued at, her loading is now ready at Baltimore Town. Let us hear from you by return or by some earlier opportunity.

We are y^r most Obed. Serv^ts

To Capt Jeremiah Holden

[B. Tabbs to Jenifer.]

Gent^n February 3^d 1777.

The soldiers in Lawrance's Barracks are breaking out fast with the Small Pox. I am told they have all had it except eight or ten. I think it will be the best way to move them to the poor House and inoculate them immediately. If they are suffered to remain in the Barracks and take it in the natural way, the greater part will certainly be lost. There has been five sent up within this two days, and I dont expect above one will be saved. There can be nothing else expected, considering their way of living. Those who were inoculated are in a very good way, but the poor fellows who has it in the natural way, are in the most horrid situation. I am Gent,

Your most obedient Servt

Danl of St. Thomas Jenifer, Esq. President. B. Tabbs.

P. S. There has no one broke out except in the Barracks before mentioned this twelve days past.

[Robert Harrison to Council.]

Gent^n Dorchester County Feby 3^d 1777.

I have now to acknowledge your favor of the 25th ult. covering an order on the Eastern Shore Treasurer for £250, which probably may be more than I may have occasion to

expend in the purchase of beef at this advanced season, but if I find it otherwise I will call on him for a further sum agreeable to your instructions. It is a great misfortune this commission was not given to me about the first of December. At that time I coud have purchased a hundred thousand with as little trouble as I now expect to buy a fifth part of the quantity (if to be had at all) and at 25 per cent less. I have employed one of the most skilful hands on this shore about this kind of business who is now out and will secure all he can that is yet remaining to be disposed of hereabouts. C. S. C.

I have also to inform you that I received yours per Capt. Patterson of the 22nd ult. and by him I was informed he had no other salt on board but the 50 bushels you sent for me, that he was certain the quantity would hold out and that it would not be worth while to measure it as he wanted to be despatched; accordingly I sent my carts with large cases (which I use on like occasions) to receive the salt intending to take it upon his word and in order to hurry the people I went to Town myself but seeing the cases not near as full as I expected to find them I was induced to have the salt measured by a careful hand. I also staid by myself and found I had only 38¾ Bushels in the place of 50. Capt. Patterson came up here by land before his vessel arrived and returned again to Oxford before her, nor was he on board while here, neither the mate nor any of the hands came on shore after the delivery to get a receipt, which I promised Capt. Patterson to give them: had they done this I should on seeing the bulk so small have refused untill I had seen it measured. I think it my duty to inform you of these circumstances that you may enquire whence this deficiency arises as there has certainly been a very grand mistake or some foul play on the occasion, being very clear a greater quantity than 38¾ bushels was never delivered to my people and if you think it necessary I will send you my own deposition, and that of an indifferent person respecting this matter. I am Sirs,

Your most obedt & Humbl Servt
Robt Harrison.

The Honble The Council of Safety
in Annapolis

Tuesday, February 4, 1777. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Commissions issued to Thomas Sim Lee appointed Col. Luke Marbury, Lieutenant Colonel, Truman Skinner, first Major and William Lyles junior second Major of the lower Battalion of Militia in Prince George's County.

C. S. J. And to the following Persons appointed Officers of the Militia in Baltimore County.

Thomas Gist jun^{r} Col.
Frederick Decker, Lt Col.
Joshua Gist 1 Ma.
Gist Vaughan 2^{d} Ma.
John Hall (son Jos^{a}) 2 M.

Robert Lemmon, Capt.
Mordecai Cole 1 L^{t}
Peter Snap 2 L^{t}
Samuel Adams Ens.
Alexis Lemmon, Capt.
Henry Warham 1 L^{t}
Thomas Stansbury jun^{r} 2 L^{t}
Peter Nace Ens.

John Hall, Capt.
Thomas Marshall 1 L^{t}
Philip Stilts 2 L^{t}
William Davis Ens.
John Showers, Capt.

Thomas Moore, Capt
Nicholas Merryman jun^{r} 1 L^{t}
Humphry Chilcoat 2 L^{t}
John Murray Capt.
Christopher Vaughan 1 L^{t}

The above Companies belong to the Battalion of which Thomas Gist junior Esquire is Colonel.

Commissions also issued to Nathaniel Brittain, first Lieut.

Benjamin Talbot, second Lieut.

Nicholas Haill (son Geo.) Ensign of Captain John Cockey's Company of Militia of said County.

And to William Wilkinson, Capt.

Sabrit Sollers 1 L^{t}

Philip Woolrich, Ensign of a Company of Militia in said County.

Ordered that Col. Henry Hollingsworth furnish all the Militia that march from this State, to join the Army in the Jerseys, through the Head of Elk, with Provisions and other necessaries, if a Person is not already appointed by Congress for that purpose.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Mrs Sarah Pratt three Pounds twelve Shillings and six Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mrs Rachel Meroney twenty two Shillings and six Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Bruff Esquire fifty seven Pounds ten Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to Clement Sewell five Pounds two Shillings and two Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Galloway Executor of Thomas Ringgold forty nine Pounds eleven Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col. Henry Hollingsworth One thousand Pounds for the Purpose of providing for the Troops marching thro' this State to join the continental Army.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mr John Stewart for the use of Col. George Dashiell four hundred and forty three Pounds nine Shillings and Eight Pence. C. S. J.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Thomas Bond thirteen Pounds thirteen Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to William North sixty Pounds.

Copy of Letter No 139 was sent to the Committee of Observation for Baltimore County, and Copy of No 140 to Mr Joshua Beall Chairman of the Committee of Prince George's County.

Adjourned till next Day 10 O'Clock.

[Council to Baltimore Committee.] C. S. C. No. 139.

February 4th 1777

Gents. We received yours of the 31 Jany and have sent you the commissions you wrote for. We observe what you have inclosed as an extract of the proceedings of the Committee relative to the manner in which you intend to call forth the militia.

If the plan you have adopted be carried into execution by general consent perhaps there may be no complaint; but you must see very clearly that there is no compulsion intended by the requisition of Congress. We are &c.

Committee of Obsern
for Balt County

[Council to Prince George's Committee.] No. 140.

Feb. 4. 1777.

Gent. Herewith you will receive the commissions devised for the eleventh Battalion. It is not in our power to say how long it may be necessary for the Militia now marching to be out, but presume & expect they will be relieved by the Regular Troops (now recruiting) joining the Army.

Josiah Beall We are &c.
Committee of Prince George's County

[Thomas Johnson, Jr., to Council.] Original.

Gent. Philadelphia 4th February 1777.

I this minute received yours of the 26th last. All this time has been spent in getting about 1000 men, officers included, fitted out for the Camp. I have not more than 180 yet to send forward except Smith's Battalion from Washington, which I hear is on the road. The delay has been as prejudi-

C. S. C. cial as mutinying, many of our people, some whole companies have returned. I believe could we have got arms in a day or two we should have raised upwards of 1500 men. I have understood the Congress have some arms at Baltimore or Chester, and I think you had best get as many of them as you can for those of the militia who may march under the last requisition for you may depend if they stay here any time the same answer will prevail with them as with the Frederick militia. While I am writing this some officers call on me to let me know another company to about 6 or 8 privates have broken off. As many militia as possible ought to avoid calling here at all. The small Pox is very rife and every thing is prodigious dear. There can be no great dependance on equipments or supplies here, if those who come are partly fitted I think they had best proceed, for Gen[l] Washington to prevent a continuance of the shameful embezzlement of arms, has lately stopped all that belong to the Public, on the discharge of the Militia, so that he can as he says, partly supply those who go in. Some of our people have been 6 weeks and some 4 from home already not only inclined, but necessity will urge their return. I shall have difficulties on that head, for whatever you may hear of the great numbers with Genl. Washington he ought to be strengthened. We have nothing very material from Camp. I am afraid we can expect no great things from New York. The Enemy are kept pretty close in the Jerseys. The war is carried on pretty much by small scouting parties on our side, and they often take some prisoners, 16 British were brought here on Sunday, taken within about a mile of Brunswick, as they were going out without arms to plunder. I am told the duty of the regulars is very severe from very frequent attacks on their pickets &c. Gen[l] Gates has sent off a fine regular Battalion (M[c]Coys) this morning. Tomorrow he and I set out for the Camp.

I am Gent, Your most obedient humble Serv[t]

Th. Johnson Jun[r]

The Honble Council of Safety of Maryland

[Cecil Co. Committee to Council.]

Gentlemen. Committee of Cecil County Feb[y] 4th 1777.

This committee acknowledge the receipt of a letter from you of the 26th ult. inclosing a resolve of Congress of the 21st. This committee will do every thing in their power to expedite the marching of the militia of this county to reinforce Gen[l] Washington, but are of opinion that a sum of money must be sent us for the Support of the militia on the road and to advance some poor men who may want necessarys before

they can possibly march. We think it necessary to acquaint you that there are very few guns in this county, and we believe not above 40 well fitted. A limited time we think ought to be fixed for the Militia to remain with General Washington, without which we are fearful the men will be backward, we should be glad to be informed where the Militia are to get Camp Kettles, tents, &c. It is impossible for us at this time to fix on the particular officers, that will be necessary to give commissions to, some of the commissions of field officers are vacant, and the appointment of other officers to fill them up will occation many vacancys, we woud request if consistent with your power you would send us some blank commissions with orders to fill them up with such men as we think most worthy. C. S. C.

We are Gent.
Your most Humble Servts
(per order) Jno. D. Thompson ch. P. tem.

The Honble Council of Safety at
Annapolis

Wednesday, Feb. 5, 1777. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday. Mr Nicholson Attended.

Subpena issued for Jacob Adams of Somerset County to attend Council of Safety immediately upon Business of Importance.

In Council of Safety 5th Febry 1777.

Mr McHard you are to repair to Queen Anns County and apply to Priscilla Browne or Robert Browne, Alexander Lawson, and James Hutchings of the same County, for all the Beef and Pork in the Possession of either of the said Persons above the Quantity of two Thousand Pounds of the former and five Thousand Pounds of the latter, and offer for the said Beef seven Pounds ten shillings per Barrel and for the latter Eight Pounds pr Barrel each Barrel containing at the least two hundred and twenty Pounds or to pay the original Cost of said Beef and Pork together with the Expence of curing and a reasonable commission for their Trouble, and if the said Priscilla or Robert Browne, Alexander Lawson and James Hutchings or any of them shall refuse to dispose of the said Beef & Pork on either of those Terms that then you seize the same for the use of this State and if Assistance should be necessary you are to apply to the Committee of Observation for the said County therefor and the said Committee are hereby requested to give you all the Assistance in their Power by calling in the Militia of the County or such Part thereof as they may judge necessary, Congress being determined that Ingrossing shall not be permitted within any of the United States.

C. S. J. Copy of Letter N° 141 was sent to Captain Conway.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Currie Eight Hundred and fifty five Pounds for the use of Thomas Smyth Esquire.

Copy of Letter N° 142 was sent to Thos Smith Esquire.

Commission issued to Thomas Conway appointed Captain of the Chester Row Galley.

Copy of Letter N° 143 to Christopher Lowndes Esqr

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to James Maw Thirty seven Pounds Sixteen Shillings & six pence.

James Larey recognize in the sum of Ten Pounds Currency for his personal appearance at Talbot County Court House in March next to answer &c.

Adjourned till next Day 10 o'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 141.

[Council to Conway.]

Sir. Feby 5th 1777

Being informed by Major Stewart that some good Beef may be had in your neighbourhood and being ordered by the late Convention to have a quantity salted up for the use of this State, we must beg that you without loss of time would purchase and have cured for us what can be had you may give 45s for good stalled fed Beef and 35s for good marsh beef the tallow must be dried up for the use of the State and you will be allowed what we gave others. The Expense of labourers and a Commission of 5 pr ct on the cost of Beef & Casque presuming you may want salt for the purpose we inclose you an order on Capt. Williams where you will be supply'd.

Capt. John Conway. We are &c

No. 142.

[Council to T. Smyth.]

February 5th 1777.

Sir. Your favour of the 2d of February we have received and have sent you by Mr Caine the several Sums of money you wrote for. Be pleased to call on Doctor Scott for such a quantity of crude Nitre as you think necessary for curing the Beef and Pork you have purchased for this State. We herewith send you a Commission for Captain Coursey, which be pleased to send him as soon as you can with convenience, the sooner he takes charge of the Galley the better.

We are, &c.

Mr Thomas Smyth.

[Council to Lowndes.]

C. S. C.
No. 143.

February 6th 1777.

Sir. We received yours of the 27 January and shall be much obliged to you to let us have about ten ton of Cordage of all sizes, some cables and other lesser sizes. We must pay you what is reasonable the price of hemp and all other circumstances considered. Should any diversity of sentiment arise, we are willing the matter should be left to indifferent persons who are acquainted with business. We are, &c.

Christopher Lownds Esquire.

[Petition of Zachariah Tilley.]

To the Honourable Brigadier General Smallwood.

The petition of Zachariah Tilley humbly sheweth, That your petitioner has served during the last campaign, as a soldier in Capt. Barton Lucas's company, under your command; and is now absent from the army on Furlough. That your Petitioner having been bred to the business of a Ship Carpenter, conceives he can be of more service to his country by working for the Publick in that capacity, than by continuing as a soldier; as he understands that Ship Carpenters are much wanted in the public Dock yards.

Your petitioner therefore most humbly prays that he may be discharged from the army, that he may be at liberty to serve the States in the business to which he was bred and your petitioner shall ever pray &c.

February 5th 1777.

We whose names are hereunto subscribed do certify that Zachariah Tilley was bred to the business of a Ship Carpenter, under his Father and brothers; and that he worked at that trade, until he enlisted into the army last winter.

(Signed) William Sydebotham, Henry Bradford, William Murdock, Chr Loundes, Robt. Dick, Richard Henderson, Peter Carns, Thomas Cramphin, Richard Ponsonby.

[Queen Anne's Co. Committee to Council.]

Gentn In Committee Queen Anns County Feb. 5th 1777.

The recommendation of Congress of the 21st ult. with the requisition of the Council of Safety, we received per Express on the 28th and on consideration thereof (that no time might be lost in forwarding the service recommended to our attention) we forthwith sent circular letters to the captains of the

C. S. C. several companies of Militia in this county, requesting them to call their respective companies at convenient times and places in those letters ascertained, in order to know who would voluntarily engage to reinforce Gen[l] Washington gloriously supporting the cause of liberty and his country. The Committee pursuant to those letters attended the meeting of the Companies of the 20th Battalion on Saturday the 1st Inst. to whom the recommendation of Congress and the requisition of the Council of Safety were published when only sixteen men offered themselves for the Service. And on Tuesday the 4th Inst. the Committee (pursuant to their appointment) attended the meeting of the companies of the fifth Battalion to whom the recommendation and requisition afs[d] were likewise published, and enforced by an animating and pathetic exhortation from the Rev. M[r] Keener when forty six men offered themselves for the Service. That no endeavors of ours may be wanting to promote this service we have requested other meetings of the Companies at their respective places of exercise, and that returns may be made by the several Captains to the Committee on Thursday next. We lament the backwardness which has generally appeared on this occasion. The raging of the Small Pox to the northward which has been brought here by the Soldiers of the Flying Camp, and is now spreading fast in this county we have good reason to think has discouraged many, who woud otherwise have offered themselves for this service. To this we must add that at the meeting of the twentieth Battalion, The backwardness of men of property was assigned by many as the reason for their declining the present service, who declared that if such men would set the example they would most chearfully follow it. What has been the effect of the meeting on Kent Island we are not informed. M[r] James Kent will on his way to Annapolis know the result and communicate to your honours. In full assurance that you will direct such further measures on this occasion as the exigence of affairs may require,

We are with respect, Your Honour

Most obedient Serv[ts] (per order)

The Hon[ble] The Council of Safety of the State of Maryland

Sol[o] Wright chairman.

Thursday noon.

C. S. J. Thursday February 6th 1777.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Commissions issued to Michael Kraner appointed 1st Lieutenant

Henry Rutter 2[d] Lieutenant &

William Jacobs Ensign of Cap. Rutters Company in Balti- C. S. J.
more County.

Copy of Letter N° 144 was sent to Col° M. Gist and Copy of N° 145 was sent to John Hancock Esquire.

In Council of Safety Annapolis Feb^ry 6th 1777

Complaint having been made to the Council, that Capt. William Patterson, commander of the armed Schooner called The Dolphin, at or near Saint Pierre in Martineque, pursued from that Port, a Flag of Truce Schooner from Governor Shirley of Dominica to the General of Martinique captured and detained her in violation of the Law of Nations. You are hereby commanded to take the said Patterson immediately into your Custody and him have before this Board, that proper Enquiry, and order may be had thereon

To John Fulford } By order R. Ridgely Cl. C. S.
Commander at Ann^s }

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Mrs Howard Three Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Six pence for

That the said Treasurer pay to George Gordon for a Gun £4.

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Dyre Betton Two pounds Eleven Shillings and Ten pence.

That The said Treasurer pay to William Galbrath One hundred and forty Nine Pounds four Shillings and two pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Chester Eighteen Pounds Eight Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Bordly Eight Pounds and Nine pence.

Adjourned till next Day 10 °Clock.

[Council to Gist.] C. S. C. No. 144.

February 6th 1777.

Sir. Our last of the 3^d instant contained a requisition that you would get ready three or four Hundred of the Militia or Regulars and proceed to Somerset and Worcester Counties to suppress some inserrections that have arisen there. We can now inform you that the situation of our affairs there begins to be very alarming and that speedy Exertions are immediately necessary, and therefore request that without loss of time you, with the permission of Congress, procure the Men above mentioned together with two field Peices, at the least and proceed to Somerset County where you are to use your utmost Endeavours to suppress the Insurgents in those

C. S. C. parts taking care to apprehend and secure as many of the Leaders of that party as you possibly can. We are, &c.

Col° Mordecai Gist

No. 145. [Council to Hancock.]

February 6, 1777.

Sir. The enclosed deposition of Captain Patterson will inform the Honble. Congress of an alarming and dangerous Insurrection in Somerset County. And the Council of Safety, apprehending the force of this State which can be immediately collected together insufficient to quell it, beg that the Honble. Congress will strengthen their hands by sending such assistance into Somerset and Worcester Counties as will immediately disperse those Insurgents. We have ordered thirty Matrosses and two field peices to be ready at this place to join the Troops that may be sent from Baltimore Town.

For and in behalf of the Council, &c.

John Hancock Esquire. Dan of S. Th. Jenifer.

Original. [Samuel Chase to Council.]

Gentlemen. Baltimore Town Feby 6th 1777.

Congress are very anxious that some immediate steps should be taken by our State, not only as to the person of Capt. Patterson, but as to the payment of the engagement entered into by the Continental and your agent. Capt. Patterson is viewed as a pirate and after examination, if the facts should appear to you to be well founded, it may be well to consider, if it would not be proper to send him to Martinico for trial there, by the law of nations. If our State shall pay the value of the vessel and goods seised by Patterson, would it not be proper to inform the Governor of Martinique that the whole would have been returned, but for the Risque. If no remittance can be made but by produce, it will be an equal risque to send back the vessel. Could not Mr. Morris pay the money for our State? An opportunity of writing will present itself in a few days. Would it not be proper for our State to write a letter, disavowing the conduct of Capt. Patterson, and engaging payment as soon as possible and mentioning the men of war in our Bay, which may delay the remittance.

Mr Zachariah Campbell in a letter from Vienna, of 1st Inst. writes to his brother Capt. Campbell That the Tories in Sussex, Somerset and Worcester Counties, have been assembling for some days. They have 250 men collected at Parker's

Mill, about nine miles from Salisbury, and 'tis reported they have three field peices, which they received from the Roebuck, with some men, with intention to seise the Magazine and destroy the property of the Whiggs. Coll. Dashiell is now at Salisbury with what Whiggs he could collect about 130, and is to be reinforced on Monday, by eight companies from this county C. S. C.

Capt. Nicholson's Tender brings accounts that there are three men of war in the bay, one at the Tangiers, one at Smith's point, and one in the middle, and that it is reported some men, with two field peices are landed from the Roe Buck. Congress has ordered Col. Wm Buchanan's Battalion, which was ordered to Camp, to march with Col^o^ Gist, and some armed vessells to prevent any communication from the Ships, and to prevent their plundering.

I suggest my fears of a difference injurious to the service, if Genl Hooper should march on this business. Col. Gist will not submit to be commanded by that Gentleman. I beg leave to remind the Board of the opinion of Genl Gates to the necessary orders respecting the Fort here. Several recommendations have gone from Congress to our State. I hope they will be duly attended to.

If advice Boats are not sent outside of the Capes, several of our Store vessells may fall into the hands of our enemies.

The post has not come in—no news. I must again repeat the necessity of a Representation.

I am, Gentlemen, with respect & Regard
Your most obed^t^ Servant,
Saml Chase.

The Honble Council of Safety
of Maryland

Fryday February 7th 1777. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captain Francis Deams Nine hundred & forty three Pounds Thirteen Shillings.

Commission issued to Frederick Deams appointed Captain of a Company in the Continental Army.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Woolman Gibson Three pounds Seven Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to General Smallwood Two Thousand Dollars

That the said Treasurer pay to Zekiel Towson Seventy Nine pounds Fourteen Shillings and Nine pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robinson Stevens for the use of General Hooper One Thousand pounds.

C. S. J. That the said Treasurer pay to Elizabeth Sharpe Three pound two Shillings and Six pence.

Copy of Letter N° 146 was sent to General Hooper.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to James Young ninety four Pounds Twelve Shillings and Ten pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to David Evans Eight Pounds, Ten Shillings. That the said Treasurer pay to Jane Ball Seven Pounds Ten Shillings.

Adjourned till next Day 10 °Clock.

C. S. C.
No. 146.

[Council to Hooper.]

In Council of Safety Feb. 7, 1777.

Sir. Your letter by Mr Stevens has this day come to hand and agreeable to your request we have given Mr Stevens an order on Mr Hindman for £1000 which will be delivered to you by him and we suppose will be sufficient for the Service in which you are now engaged.

We mentioned in a former letter that Col. Richardson would be a proper person to take the Command, but this must be understood in case you should not be able to command in person.

We highly approve of the steps you have taken and wish you all possible success, at the same time beg leave to suggest the absolute necessity of your taking and securing as many of the Leaders of these Banditti as you possibly can.

General Smallwood is now here on his way to join you which we hope will be in a few Days. We are, &c.

General Hooper

Original.

[Samuel Chase to Council.]

Gentlemen. Baltimore Town February 7th 1777.

The marine Committee are very desirous, that the tender of the Defence should be well manned, and under a bold active prudent officer, sent down with the Troops destined for Somerset and Worcester County. Congress will afford every assistance in their power to prevent any communication between the Insurgents and the men of war, and any plunder of our Islands or coasts; it is earnestly wished and expected that our State will order every vessel they have and can obtain on the same duty. I shall speak to Capt. Cook about his tender.

No letters from Genl Washington. The post is not yet arrived. With Respect your obedt Servt

S. Chase.

The Honble The Council of Safety of
Maryland, Annapolis

Saturday, Feb^ry 8, 1777. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Copy of Letter N° 147 was sent to Stephen Steward.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Charles Wallace fifteen hundred and Ninety Pounds Three Shillings and four Pence.

Copy of Letter N° 148 was sent to Cumberland Dugan. Copy of N° 149 was sent to Jesse Hollingsworth and Copy of N° 150 was sent to Genl Hooper

In Council of Safety Feb^ry 8th 1777.

Capt Cooke. You are hereby required to give every Assistance Congress or the Marine Committee may desire from you towards furthering the Expedition to Somerset or Worcester Counties.

Copy of Letter N° 151 was sent to John Hancock Esquire.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Mrs Pindle four Pound

That the said Treasurer pay to the Clerk Fifty Pounds for Expresses

Copy of Letter N° 152 was sent to Samuel Chase, Copy of N° 152 was sent to Robert Morris Copy of N° 153 was sent to Robert Harrison and Copy of N° 154 was sent to General Johnson.

Adjourned till Monday 10 °Clock.

[Council to Steward.] C. S. C. No. 147.

Feb. 8th 1777.

Sir. We are in immediate want of the Gondola and the other armed vessel in your yard to proceed on an Expedition, you are therefore requested to get them ready with all possible dispatch and inform us when you think you can have them ready. We are, &^c

Mr Stephen Steward.

[Council to Dugan.] No. 148.

February 8th 1777.

Sir. As we have a large quantity of flour on hand which may probably receive damage by being kept untill the warm season advances, we are of opinion that it had better be baked up. Therefore we desire you to bake as fast as you can all the flour that we have now on hand, and oblige

Yours &^c

Mr Cumberland Dugan.

C. S. C.
No. 149.

[Council to Jesse Hollingsworth.]

February 8th 1777.

Sir. We have received your Favour and approve of your loading the Brig in the manner you have done and intend to do and are glad to hear she is so near being ready.

The Tobacco, as you will observe, will do for the Ship and will for any more that you or we may purchase.

The Hhd. of Rum is come to hand. We have applied to Captain Smith with respect to your marching, he will settle the matter with you. At the same Time we repeat our opinion, that you and your clerks going will be of such ill consequence to the Business you have undertaken for this State that it cannot be suffered, and you and your Clerk must be excused from attending military Duty. Mr Dugan must bake up all the flour that is likely to be damaged and to him we have written for that purpose. We are, &c.

Mr. Jesse Hollingsworth.

P. S. Be pleased to sell our Bread, as we have a very large quantity, taking care to reserve sufficient for the vessels or military that may want.

No. 150.

[Council to Hooper.]

February 8th 1777.

Sir. We send forward an express to let you know that there is an additional force to that under yourself and Col. Richardson that has been put in motion viz.

A Regiment of Virginia Regulars	300
Colonel Buchanan's Regiment	350
Company of Matrosses from Annapolis	30
General Smallwood's Regulars	300.

We are requested by the General Assembly to write you immediately and give information of the advance of the troops and desire you would let us know immediately whether it is necessary to continue the force put in motion under their marching orders or whether the Insurrection be suppressed and the Ringleaders apprehended, so that no further assistance may be required. Send us frequent expresses to let us know the state of the county and be assured if further assistance be wanted you shall have it as soon as possible.

We are, &c.

Brigadier General Hooper.

No. 151.

[Council to Hancock.]

February 8th 1777.

Sir. We are honored with yours of yesterday Since our last we have received some papers relative to the Insurrection

in Somerset and Worcester Counties, Copies of which we C. S. C.
beg leave to lay before you for your further Information.
John Hancock Esq[r] We are, &c.

[Council to Chase.] No. 152.

Sir. Feby 8th 1777
We have ordered Capt Cook to give every assistance that the Congress or Marine Committee may require, and also ordered the Schooner Dolphin now at Annapolis a row Galley and an armed vessel at M[r] Stewards yard to be immediately got ready and expect them at Annapolis on Tuesday. You may speak to Cap[t] Walker for assistance, but we fear his galley cannot be got ready in time but he may spare some men. Enclosed you have a copy of a report from the conferees from the Senate & Assembly which will shew what they deem the force to be that is ordered by the Hon[ble] Congress & Council of Safety to quell the Insurgents in Somerset and Worcester Counties
Samuel Chase Esq.

[Council to Morris.] No. 152.

Sir February 8th 1777
An unhappy affair has lately happened in Martinico by the imprudence of Captain Patterson in a small Privateer from this State, he contrary to Law of Nations having taken an English Vessel under a Flag of Truce within a small distance of that Island to make satisfaction for which outrage the continental and our agent there have been obliged to give their Bond for the payment of the vessel and Cargo so seized, within three months from the date thereof.
We therefore desire yo[ll] remit to those agents the sum of fifteen hundred pounds continental currency if in your power or take other necessary steps to enable them to pay that sum within the time limited and charge the same to the account of this State. We are, &c.
Robert Morris Esq.

[Council to Harrison.] No. 153.

Sir. Feb. 8th 1777.
Your Fav[r] of the 8th Dec. came to our hands and we are very sorry to be informed thereby of the extreme Indiscretion of Capt. Pattison who is now under an arrest to be examined by the proper powers of the State, the result of which will be

C. S. C. communicated to you hereafter. We have now several vessels ready to send to you which upon the arrival will we hope enable you to discharge the several sums due from you on our account but when they will depart from hence is uncertain as there are a number of Brittish Ships of War in our Bay, however we have given Orders to Mr Morris of Phila to remit you the sum of fifteen hundred Pounds to enable you to pay the Debt you & Mr. Bingham have incurred on Account of Capt Pattison, whose imprudence we trust will not be productive of any inconveniences or ill consequences to any of the United States, at the same time we assure you we highly disapprove of this conduct of Captain Pattison and rely on your making a proper representation of our sentiments on this subject to the General & Governor of Martinico.

Mr. Harrison

No. 154. [Council to Gen. Johnson.]

Sir. Feby 8th 1777.

We have just received your obliging favour of the 4th inst. & are truly sorry to find you have met with such delay in your march. We will endeavour to prevent what militia march from this State to Camp in future calling at Philadelphia for the reasons you suggest, which appear to us weighty. If Congress have arms at Baltimore or Chester we doubt not their willingness to let the militia who are now on their way have them, & for this purpose we shall apply. We wish you all success & a safe return to your Family & are &c.

Brigadier General Thos Johnson

C. S. J. Monday February 10th 1777.

Council met. Present as on Saturday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to General Smallwood Two Thousand Dollars.

That The said Treasurer pay to Captain John Stewart Seventy four Pounds Sixteen Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to Vanbibber and Crockett Two Thousand One hundred and forty four Pounds Twelve Shillings & Six pence.

Ordered That the Commissary deliver to Richard Sprigg four and a half Bushels Salt.

Adjourned till next Day 10 °Clock.

C. S. C. [R. Spigg to Jenifer?]

Dear Sir. Strawberry Hill Feb. 9th 1777.

I lent last summer to different companies in Genl Smallwood's Battalion four and a half bushells of salt, which I shall

be obliged to the Council of Safety to repay me at this time, C. S. C.
as I am in want of salt, and you'l oblidge.

Your most Humble Servant.

Rich Sprigg.

Mr Howard.

You'll deliver to Mr Sprigg or order the above quantity of salt.

R. Ridgely, Clk.

Feby 10th 1777. To Nicholas Thomas Esq. at Annapolis

[George Cook to Council.]

Honble Gent. Baltimore Feby 10th 1777.

I have agreeable to your order, and consistant with a letter to me from Mr Chase, sent of my Tender with ten men, Under the command of Mr Douglass, who will wait on you, for your farther orders. The Tender is very foull and not in a condition to crouse. I intended to have her cleand and refitted this week, had she not been ingaged on this occation. I am, Honble Gentn your most obedt Humble Servt.

George Cook.

The Honble The Council of Safty of Maryland.

[Andrew Buchanan to Council.]

Gentlement. Baltimore County Feby 10th 1777.

Their are in Harford County over Deer Creek, six companies of Militia, viz. Captains William Webb, William Morgan, John Partrick, Jno. Jolley, Alex. Rigdon, and Robt Glen not yet formed into Battalion. They have had several meetings in order to recommend the necessary Field officers, but the consequence has been uproar and contention, and from the best information I can collect they never will agree. As the appointment is in the Council of Safety, or Assembly it would be well to appoint their officers immediately, or make them independant companies. The following commissions are wanting in Colo Hall's Battalion, viz for Capt. Jno. Ashmead, Edw. Bussey, 2nd Lieut. Nathaniel West, Ensign, Mathew McClintick 1st Lieut, James Walker 2nd Lieut. The eight Battalion hath had a meeting in order to recommend their field officers but a quarrel ensued which prevented that business being accomplised. In short the militia in my District had rather battle at home than abroad. I see but little probability of their marching. Their are a few in several Battalions, that offer themselves but only on condition that the whole are compel'd, a great majority in each Battalion against marching so that their is not strength enough in any one to

C. S. C. carry the whole. What method to fall upon I am greatly at a loss, and must submitt the mode to the Council of Safety and the Legislature. I am Gent. Your most obed^t^ Servt

And. Buchanan.

The Honble Council of Safety Annapolis

Tuesday, Feb^ry^ 11th 1777

C. S. J. Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Bond & John Taylor four Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Nine pence

That the said Treasurer pay to Nicholas Thomas Six pounds for the use of James Woulds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Doc^t^ Richard Tootel Thirty four Pounds. Ordered That Charles Wallace Paymaster, Pay to Doct^r^ B. Tabbs Thirty Pounds for two months Pay (as Surgeon to the Regulars.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to George Gordon Eight Pounds for 2 Guns.

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain Thomas Walker One hundred and fifty Pounds.

Adjourned till next Day 10 °Clock.

C. S. C. [Stephen Steward to Council.]

Gentellmen. Tuesday Morning the 11 of Feby 1777.

I send you two fine Boats to carey the soulgers over the Bay in order to man them I am oblige to put in two sailer negros. If thare is the lest danger of losing them I shall be oblige to you to send them back again, as I would not take less than two hundred pound for each of them, they are as fine fellows as ever crost the sea. If you should not want the boats pleas to order them back till I can get proper guns for to fix in them. Mr Sam Dorsey has promest to let me have 20 swivels the beginning of next week. I wish you would indulge me as far as to right to him not to let any bodey have any till I git as maney as will fix out the Galley and the largest armed boat.

I am Gentillmen your most obedient Servt

Stephen Steward.

The Honrebell Counsel of Saftey.

Original. [Hancock to Council.]

Baltimore, Feby. 11, 1777.

Gentlemen. I have it in Charge from Congress to Request that the State of Maryland may be fully and constantly Rep-

resented in Congress, the necessity of every State being fully Represented to add weight to the Council of America, as well as to keep up that Union and good Correspondence so essential to our Country, will naturally suggest the propriety of this Application, which I have no doubt you will immediately comply with, more especially as Business of the utmost moment is before Congress. C. S. C.

The Inclos'd Resolve recommending to you to prevent the sailing of all Provision vessells, I Beg leave to Refer to your immediate Attention, as it is of importance to prevent as much as possible supplies falling into the possession of the Enemy.

I have the Honour to be, with Esteem, Gentlemen,

Your most obed^t Servt

John Hancock, Presid^t

To the Hon. the Council of Safety of Maryland.

[Resolve of Congress.]

In Congress Feby 10, 1777

Resolved, That it is recommended to the Council of Safety of Maryland to prevent the sailing of all provision vessels while the Enemy's ships of war infest the Bay, as there is the greatest reason to fear they cannot avoid falling into the possession of the Enemy.

By order of Congress.

John Hancock, Pres^t

Wednesday 12 Feb^ry 1777 C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Fry, four Pounds for a Gun.

Commissions Issued to John Ashmead appointed Captain.

Edward Busy second Lieutenant

Nathaniel West Ensign of a Company of Militia in Col° Halls Battalion of Harford County Also Matthew McClinton first Lieutenant & James Walker second Lieutenant of a Company in the same Battalion.

Copy of Letter N° 155 was sent to Samuel Dorsey and Copy of N° 156 was sent to Stephen Steward.

In Council of Safety Feb^ry 12th 1777.

Ordered that, Captain Fulford be directed not to suffer any Vessels to depart from this Port, without a Permit from him and that no permit be given to any Vessel bound down this Bay below Poplar Island. R. Ridgely Cl. Co. S.

C. S. J. In Council of Safety Feb^ry 12th 1777

Ordered That Captain Campbell be requested to examine all Vessels departing from this Port, and that he suffer none to pass who have not obtained a Permit from the Commanding Officer of the Fort at Annapolis and that he prevent all Vessels from going down the Bay below Poplar Island.

Copy of Letter N° 157 was sent to Thomas Contee Esquire.

In Council of Safety Feb^ry 12, 1777.

There appearing to the General Assembly to be no farther occasion for the Virginia Troops in this State, Ordered That Brigadier General Smallwood be requested to discharge the said Troops from this Service

Copy of Letter N° 158 was sent to John Hancock Esquire

James Smith of Frederick County having appeared before the Council of Safety and no witnesses against him attend^g

It was ordered That he be discharged upon paying the expences of the Guard.

Adjourned till next Day 10 o'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 155. [Council to Dorsey.]

Feby 12th 1777

Mr Stephen Steward informs us that he has applied to you for twenty swivils & that you have promised to let him have them the beginning of next week. We now desire that you will not furnish any other person untill you have compleated your contract with us. We are &^c

Mr Samuel Dorsey.

No. 156. [Council to Steward.]

Sir, Feby 12th 1777

We have received yours of the 11th inst & have wrote to Mr Samuel Dorsey as you request. We are about fitting out two armed vessels & as we know of no person who can do this business so well as you, we beg you will come up as soon as you can We are &c.

Mr. Stephen Steward

No. 157. [Council to Contee.]

Sir. February 12th 1777

In answer to your favour of Jany 21 which has laid some time for consideration, we can only say that as we daily expect another executive power to be created & our Bay being so

blocked up by British Ships of War as to render the export from hence very uncertain, if not impracticable, we are of opinion that we had better not for the present go any farther into purchasing. If you have procured any we will take it. We return you our thanks for your kind offer & are &c C. S. C.

Thomas Contee Esq.

[Council to Hancock.] No. 158.

February 12th 1777

Sir: We are honoured with your favour of the 10th inst which we have laid before the General Assembly and shall pay due regard to the resolution of Congress respecting provision vessels lading within this State

P. S. The Virga Troops are discharged from the service they were enlisted for in Somerset & Worcester Counties.

[Chairman Prince George's Co. Committee to Council.]

Prince Georges County in Committee Feb. 12th 1777.

Gentlemen.

In answer to yours of date the 4th Inst. inclosing the Commissions requested by us, have only to inform you, the Eleventh Battalion met on Thursday last and that nothing in consequence thereof was done. We are Gent,

Your most obedt Servts,

Jos. Beall, chairman.

The Honble The Council of Safety
Annapolis

Thursday, February 13th 1777 C. S. J.

Council Met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Hanson Esquire One hundred Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Messrs Shaw and Chisholme Forty Eight Pounds and two Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mrs Minskie Five Pounds Twelve Shillings and Six pence.

Ordered That Isaac McHard deliver to Robert Cumings Commissary, three Barrels Pork.

The general Assembly being of opinion that it is highly necessary that the Order of the Council of Safety for dismissing the Virginia Regulars should be countermanded & that they should proceed to their Destination last appointed by the honble Congress. We are therefore directed to give Orders

C. S. J. to you to march off the Virginia Forces immediately to the Aid of General Hooper to suppress the Insurrection in Somerset and Worcester Counties.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Hanson Esquire One Hundred Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bullen One hundred Pounds

Copy of Letter N° 159 was sent to General Hooper.

Adjourned till next Day, 10 o'clock.

C. S. C. No. 159.

[Council to Hooper.]

February 13th 1777

Sir. We acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 10th by which we are much obliged. In consequence of your letter expressing apprehensions that more Insurgents may appear, the General Assembly have determined to send down & they are now here ready to march, General Smallwood with the second Virginia Regiment, Capt Teams Company, Capt. Godmans Company the Independents of Baltimore & Annapolis with some of the Artillery & two field pieces. These troops will move forward with all expedition, & we hope will be such an additional reinforcement as will be able speedily to put an end to this affair. The list you mention not to have received, we herewith enclose you a copy of. Your Proceedings in this unhappy dispute are pleasing and highly satisfactory & we beg leave to assure you that we are &c.

General Hooper.

We beg to hear from you as frequently as possible for should the business be shortly terminated it may prevent those Troops going out of their way, who are now much wanted at Camp in Jersey.

[Stephen Steward to Council.]

Gentellmen. Thursday the 13th of Feby 1777.

I have yours by express and would have com to you this day but am launching the Galley without a name. She is all fited and will be with you the first fair wind after Sunday. I will be with you to morrow by twelve o'clock.

I am your most obedt humble Servt

Stephen Steward.

The Honrebell Counsell of Saftey.

[Christopher Lowndes to Hall.]

Sir. Bladensburg Feb. 13th 1777.

I am favour'd with yours of the 5th Inst. and observe what you say about cordage. My letter of the 27th ult. was not

wrote from any supposition that a misunderstanding about the price of rigging might arise between us, it was solely to make you acquainted with the expected price of hemp, and that you might determine from this circumstance, whether you wou'd take cordage at a price in proportion to the cost of hemp; some price for cordage I suppose will be establisht at Baltimore, and more I presume I am not to ask. However I do not apprehend a third person will be want'd to interpose between us, being fully persuaded every matter relating to this business, will without difficulty be adjusted between ourselves. C. S. C.

I am, Sir your most obed^t Servt
Chris. Lowndes.

The Honble John Hall Esqr at Annapolis

Friday February 14th 1777. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Nicholas Thomas fourteen Pounds fourteen Shillings for Attendance in Council of Safety & it^s ch^s

Recruiting Warrants Issued to Gedeon Emory & Willm Stinson of Queen Anns County. Also to Jon^a Gibson of Talbot County. Copy of Letter N° 160 was sent to the Committee of Harford County.

Ordered That The Western Shore Treasurer pay to Benjamin Bradford Norris One Hundred and fifty Pounds for the use of the Harford Committee.

That The Commissary pay to Dermond Cramphin Three Rations

Copy of Letter N° 161 was sent to Capt. Benj. James.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Omensetter fifteen Pounds. That the said Treasurer pay to William Nevin & Comp^y Thirty four Pounds Three Shillings and Six pence

That the said Treasurer pay to Oliver Whiddon four Pounds Ten Shillings for 2 Guns.

Recruiting Warrant Issued to William Lamar of Frederick County. Copy of Letter N° 162 was sent to Vanbibber and Harrison.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to General Smallwood One Thousand Dollars.

Adjourned till next Day 10 °Clock.

[Council to Harford Committee.] C. S. C.

February 12th 1777 No. 160.

Gent. We herewith send you one hundred & fifty pounds for the purpose you mention, but wish you had sent us an

C. S. C. Account of the expenditure of the money before sent & entreat you, as soon as possible, to transmit us a full account of the whole. We press this being convinced that you must see the necessity of it. The Council of Safety will soon be dissolved, & it is but right that we should have accounts of all money expended to shew when called upon, for our Justification. We are &c

Committee of Harford County.

No. 161. [Council to Benjamin Johnson.]

February 14th 1777

Sir. You will be pleased to deliver to Mr Ominsetter all the goods you have on board the Liberty belonging to this State the freight of which shall be paid to you or your owners on demand

Capt. Benjamin Johnson

No. 162. [Council to Vanbibber and Harrison.]

Feby 14th

Gent. Your favour of the 28th December with your account current we this moment received and are very sorry for the distresses you are under by the considerable advance you are in for our State. But we hope it is considerably reduced ere this by the arrival of the Resolution Capt Cary, Schooner 92, Rogers, Schooner Friendship, Gibbons, Brigatine Friendship, Martin, a larger ship or Brig & the sloop Molly are lading with Tobacco & Flour & will be pushed out so soon as there is a chance of passing three men of war that now are in our Bay, but lest this may not soon be the case we are about applying to the General Assembly now setting to empower us to send Mr Crockett to the Carolinas to ship Indigo and other produce to extricate you from all your difficulties. Capt Patterson is under arrest for seizing the Flag of Truce mentioned in your letter 8th Dec. He denies the charge of taking her under the Guns of the fort & avers that she was nearly over to Dominique and that he informed Mr Harrison of his intention and that he did not object to it. this we give not the least credit to but we think it would be necessary that his Mr Bingham's deposition be taken and transmitted to us as soon as possible, together with the papers of passports & other documents in your power. Monsr De Vaubrien is appointed a Lieutenant in our mattrosses. We are &c

Messrs. Vanbibber & Harrison

[Jesse Hollingsworth to Council.] C. S. C.

Sirs. Baltimore February 14th 1777.

I should now be glad to now what I am to doe with the Ship Liddia. The Brig wants no more flour, tobaco nor bread. I have sum of all those things on hand. I likewise have 10 or 12 tuns of bar Iron which you may have at £50 pounds per ton, which is the price I can get from other people, it will bee wanted for the Ship Liddia. I think I could soon have one third of the Ship's Cargo in Tobaco redy for her at 30 shillings inspected. I have a good deal ingaged at that, and sum at 25 and sum at 27/6. But 30s is the prise given now by others, and I think it wont rise. I wait your further orders but am sadly of for want of Clerks. I have no person to make out an acount, for George Dafney that wrote for mee at times is gone in the independant company over the Bay, and David Rickets soon as hee understood that the were ordered to stay from the Eastern Shore thought the Jarseys would be next and set of to Secill County. I beleve from there hee never will return without he can bee clear of any miletery duty, he is a sickly man subject to Rumetism, Payns that for days together hee is not able to doe business, and he is shore it would be deth to him to march, and is determined to keep out of the way for there is no regard payd to your letter as to him, I showd it to the officers all in a Body and I never was told till yesterday morning that I must not march myself. Then Major Nicoldson told mee that I must have all things redy, and go on bord the vesell, and hee should order me on shore. 3 days of this week I have been under arms, not a creature to look after the delivery of flour, tobaco or bread, but a Duch Servant and a littell son of my own, about 13 year old. Now all the Invoices and a counts lies unsetled and a thousand other things and not a clerk to help me. I once more request if you Pleas to get a totall exemption from Capt. Smith for mee and David Rickets and a discharge from every miletery duty while I am your Agent or I cannot doe your busines nor the publics, for there is nothing done here for this State, but I must doe it, and all preperations for the present movement such as I have in my hands but I must have redy, and must at the same time to pleas a few hot men, bee under arms, which cannot bee done with any care. I sold 80 bbls. of your bread to Cummins at 15/. Pleas settell this matter and I will indeavour to do your business. David Rickets was ordered over the Bay at all events if there had been regard paid to your letter hee would not left here.

from your humble Servt.

Jesse Hollingsworth

To the honnorable Counsel
of Saftey

C. S. J.

Saturday February 15th 1777.

Council Met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to General Smallwood Five Thousand Dollars.

Commissions Issued to Benjamin Harwood appointed first Lieut.

Nicholas Maccubbin Second Lieut.

John Brice third Lieutenant of a Company of Militia in Annapolis.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to William Wilkins Sixty four Pounds four Shillings and One Penny.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Davidson Forty Pounds Ten Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Muir Ninety Pounds Twelve Shillings and Ten Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Charles Wallace One Thousand pounds.

Council of Safety agree with Nicholas Maccubbin for making Shoes at 3/ pr pair they finding Leather and other materials.

Ordered that The Western Shore Treasurer pay to Nicholas Maccubbin One hundred Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Edward Timmonds Three Pounds Ten Shillings for a Gun.

Ordered That Doct. John Odell Hart be taken into Custody by Capt. Fulford, and a Guard be set over him.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Brice T: B: Worthington Esq. Fifty seven Pounds Eight Shillings for Attendance in Council of Safety till 5th February.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the Western Shore pay to Major Uriah Forrest One Thousand Dollars.

Ordered that the Commissary supply the Captain of the Dolphin with Rations for the men on board.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Saml Minskie Twenty six pounds Seventeen Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo Thomas Price Four Thousand Dollars.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mary Priestly Three Pounds Three Shillings.

Adjourned till Monday 10 °Clock.

C. S. C.
No. 163.

[Council to Smallwood.]

Sir February 15th 1777

We are directed by the General Assembly to desire you to dismiss from the service of this State the Virginia Regiment

and the two companies of Regulars on the Continental Estab- C. S. C.
lishment. We are &c.

General Smallwood.

[Nathaniel Smith to Council.]

The Honble Council of Safety.

Gentlemen. When I was last at Annapolis, I had the promise of cloathing for my company. Capt. Fulford had then an order on the commissary of Stores, to supply the matrosses first, at that time Mr Howard was so engaged, that he cou'd not, or wou'd not dellever them. Since that, I sent down Lev^t^ Moore who told me he cou'd not get them, at that time he obtained an order for shoes only, my men are now allmost naked, if the cloath for their coats and Jacketts, is not readey, must beg you would send me an order by Capt. Furnaval on the commissary here, for linin for their shirts. I shou'd be glad as soon as convenient, for the province to have all their cloathing.

I hope you will allow my men, in regard to britches, the same as Capt. Furnaval's, that is they are to have leather, and pay out of their own pockets ten shillings a pair. my men have ben very uneasy in regard to their not having as much pay as Continental Troops, and assure you it will be very troublesome, keeping them in order. They petitioned you some time ago. I have now sent in a Petition to the Honble House of Assembly to the same purport. I must beg if in your power to assist me to git it granted as soon as convenient to the Honble House.

I shoud be glad there coud be some alterations in the Articals of War as its out of my power at any time to call a general Court Martial, not having officers enough agreeable to our present rules and the Continental officers say they have no right to set on Provincial Troops. Let their crimes be what they will I can punish with only fifteen lashes. I woud not by this have you think me cruel, or that I wish to punish my fellow creatures with more than they can bear or deserve, but the punishment I am now allowed to inflict is by no means equal to some of their crimes.

I should have waited on you, but had the misfortune to hurt one of my legs about three weeks ago, since which have not ben able to walk very little. I am Gentlemen,

Baltimore 15th Feby 1777. Your most humble Servt

To The Honble Council of Safety, Nath. Smith.

Annapolis

C. S. C. [Nicholas Maccubbin to Council.]

Gentlemen. The 15th February 1777.

I have sent in my proposials to your Honours for makeing shoes for the province Soldiers and request the favour of your answer as I want to set of to Baltimore after leather, and want to be at a certainty what to contract for. Am with the great respect Your Honour's most obedt

Humble Servant,

Nichs Maccubbin.

To The Honble Council of Safty

[Joseph Dashiell to Jenifer.]

Sir. Head Quarters Salsbury 16th Feb. 1777.

The Barer Capt. Handy wates on you with two Prisoners, Collo Richardson ordered one James King, but he is so very ill that he is not able to march. You have already one Ben Walsten sent up who was an ensign in Capt. Handy's company of Milisha, as I conceve he cannot continue in office any longer, and every one of Capt. Handy's Sergons were in the Tory Camp, I would recommend Frederick Hill as the most proper person to fill the office of Insign in that company.

I am Sir your humble Servt

Joseph Dashiell.

Danl of St. Thomas Jenifer Annapolis

C. S. J. Monday, February 17, 1777.

Council met. Present as on Saturday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer Pay to David Stewart by order & for the use of Jesse Hollingsworth Four Thousand Ninety Nine pounds Twelve Shillings and Six pence

That the said Treasurer pay to Col Francis Ware Seven Thousand Dollars.

Copy of Letter No 164 was sent to Jesse Hollingsworth

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to James Lillycrap Ten Pounds Seventeen Shillings and Three pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Pitt Fifteen Pounds six Shillings Three pence.

Adjourned till next Day 10 o'Clock.

C. S. C. No. 164. [Council to Jesse Hollingsworth.]

Sir. February 17th 1777

Fill up the Brig as soon as possible & get her ready for sea to sail with the first strong Northly Wind that may be

attended with rain or mist. The Ship Lydia must lie a little longer. As we hear the troops are discharged no doubt your Clerk will return. Tobacco it is thought will fall and as the risque is very great in the Bay, Our Council do not incline to give the high prices you mention for Tobacco. You must settle with Cummings yourself for the bread. C. S. C.

Mr. Jesse Hollingsworth.

[Hancock to Council.] Original.

Baltimore, Feby 17, 1777.

Gentlemen: As Congress have received Information that the Enemy are meditating a Descent upon the Coast of Chesapeake Bay the ensuing Campaign, I have it in Charge to request you will cause all the Stock of every Kind (agreeably to the enclosed Resolve) to be immediately removed from the shore and the adjacent Islands, or otherwise so secured that there may be no Danger of its falling into the Hands of our Enemies, and that you will take the most Effectual Measures to protect those who are well affected to the Cause of America from being plundered and insulted by the Enemy.

I have the Honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your most obed^t Servt

Honble Council of Safety. John Hancock Presid^t

[Resolve of Congress.]

In Congress, Feby. 17, 1777

Congress having this day received Information that the Enemy meditates an Expedition to the Bay of Chesapeak in the ensuing Campaign, and that the Eastern Shore is the first object or Place of Landing.

Resolved, That the States of Virginia and Maryland be requested to take immediate and the most effectual Measures that the Stocks may be removed from their respective Eastern Shore Counties, and their adjacent Islands, or so secured that they may not fall into the Enemies Hands, and that Means the most effectual be taken to protect & secure the well affected Inhabitants from the Insults and Plunder of the Enemy.

By order of Congress

John Hancock, Presid^t

Tuesday, February 18th 1777 C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Capt Thomas Woolford Sixty Pounds.

C. S. J. That the said Treasurer pay to James Ridgeway Twelve pounds Fifteen Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Minskie six Pounds

That the said Treasurer pay to Major Forrest One Thousand Dollars

Adjourned till next Day 10 °Clock.

C. S. C. [Petition of Vincent Trapnall.]

Gentlemen. February the 18th 1777.

I made bold some time since to petition to your Honours for my enlargement, but have received no answer from your Honours. I now again make bold to intreat your Honours to release me from this my confinement as what I did was only in resentment to the person and no ways designing any ill against the State of affairs of the American cause. I have, Gentlemen, associated and likewise given to the relief of the distressed in Boston. I bear, Gentlemen, no allegiance to the King of England, nor have I any connection with those that embrace his maxims and am ready and willing to pay all due allegiance to this State. I hope therefore your Honours will consider me and my wife and poor children who might have suffered greatly during my confinement, having no stay nor Guide, if your Honours will pleas'd to release me you may depend upon my utmost endeavours to find out and discover any rumour, or any thing else prejudicial to the present system of affairs, from your Honours in duty bound.

Vincent Trapnall.

To The Honourable the Delegates of the State of Maryland in Assembly convened at the city of Annapolis.

[Petition of Vincent Trapnall to the Delegates.]

To the Honourable the Delegates for the State of Maryland now at the City of Annapolis in Assembly convened. The humble petition of Vincent Trapnall most humbly sheweth. That your poor Petitioner has been confin'd ever since the 29th of last month for a misdemeanor that he was guilty of and which he did through distraction and inadvertency, however no how prejudicial or injurious to the present State of affairs, but has always been the reverse and maintain'd the cause as far as my abilities would admit of Witness in the association in respect to the Bostonians, and ever shall as far as lies in my power. I was most Honourable Gentlemen confined here by order of the Honourable the Council of Safety and I believe there was some malice and antipathy in the person that com-

plained rather than any thing else. But the case be as it will c. s. c.
most Honourable Gentlemen, I should not have acted as I did had not passion overcome me, and for what I have done most Honourable Gentlemen I am heartily sorry, and most earnestly beg your pardons, and shall for the future endeavor to conduct myself with good and hope you will grant me a releasement from my present unhappy place of confinement as I have a family at home and no one to conduct or manage affairs in its proper sphere, things must go to rack and ruin. Therefore most Honourable Gentlemen hope that you will take the low and furlorn and distressed condition of your poor petitioner into your most serious consideration and grant me some relief If it does not lye in your power most honourable Gentlemen to bring or settle matters at this juncture of Time, hope that you will grant me liberty of absence to go home to my family, until your Honours can give me a hearing, for which I will give Sufficient security, and your poor Petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray. Vincent Trapnall.

So God bless the Congress and direct our General.

[George Cook to Jenifer.]

Dear Sir. Baltimore February 18th 1777.

I have endevored for some time past, for to gett my clark Francis Muire to a fair settlement of the publick money received by me for the use of the ship Defence, he has refused delivering up all the books relative to the business he transacted and will not come to a settlement. I this day advised with Mr Chase who told me to lay it before the Honble Senate and House of Assembly. I have by the bearer Mr. Robertson sent a memoriall down to lay before you. I hope for your kindness in assisting to have this Muire brought to a fair settlement, and to send such orders as may be in my power to oblige him to justice, for all this time theres no knowing how to act, I have lay'd him under an arest, and shall give orders to have him under confinement till I have the pleasure of hearing from Annapolis, from your great kindnesses I have presumed to trouble you. Honored Sir, I am

Your most humble Servant
George Cook.

The Honble Danl of St. Thos. Jenifer Esq.
Annapolis

[Memorial of George Cook.]

To the Honble the House of Assembly of the State of Maryland.

The memorial of George Cook of the Ship Defence; Sheweth That your memorialist did employ Francis Muire as

C. S. C. his clk, and that the said Francis Muire hath refused and still doth refuse delivering up all the books relative to the Ship of War Defence, belonging to this State, in such case your memorialist is apprehensive he will be greatly injured. Your memorialist humbly prays you will order some method which your Honours in your wisdom shall think most proper, for bringing the said Muire to a fair settlement of the public money committed to my charge. And your memorialist as in duty bound will ever pray. George Cook.

18th February 1777.

C. S. J. Wednesday, February 19th 1777.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Mrs Lowe Twenty Nine Shillings for making Shirts.

Commission Issued to Frederick Hill appointed Ensign of Captain Handys Company of Militia in Somerset County.

In Council of Safety, Annapolis Febry 19th 1777

The honorable General Assembly.

In consequence of your direction to send immediately two armed cutters to cruize between Cape Hatteras and Chingoteague Inlet for the purpose of giving early intelligence to all vessels bound to this State, of the Ships of War now stationed in this Bay. We have endeavoured to get vessels ready for that purpose but find it impracticable to procure the Captains on the Bounty & ordinary wages or men on their present Pay which we think proper to inform you of and submit to your further Consideration By order R. Ridgely Clk

Copy of Letter N° 165 was sent to Samuel Chase Esquire

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Cap. Alex. Furnival One hundred and seventy four Pounds Twelve Shillings & Six pence

Copy of Letter N° 166 was sent to Vanbibber & Harrison

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Samuel Wilson Esqr forty four Pounds two Shillings for Attendance & Item Chs

Copy of Letter N° 167 was sent to Capt Nathaniel Smith.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captain Ebenezer Handy Fifteen Pounds Eleven shillings and four pence Also the further sum of Five Pounds Twelve Shillings.

Adjourned till next Day 10 °Clock.

[Council to Samuel Chase.] C. S. C. No. 165.

February 19th 1777.

Sir. As we have daily applications for money to recruit we are to beg that you will get an order from Congress for the sum of thirty thousand dollars and contrive it down by some safe conveyance. The nineteen thousand dollars we had before is all gone out & we are in great want. Be pleased to send us an account of the sums already disbursed and a list of the officers to whom they have been paid. We are &c

Samuel Chase Esquire.

[Council to Vanbibber and Harrison.] No. 166.

In Council Annaps Feby 19th 1777

Gentlemen.

Mr McCreany who but lately came into this province, has informed the Council of Safety that he shipped from Rotterdam on account of this State to Statia 2100 stand of arms addressed to Mr Vanbibber & that he had heard that Mr Vanbibber refused to pay the freight & that some other person had and disposed of part of them to pay it, if this be true we are surprised at it & beg that you will inform us how this affair is and what has become of the arms and if to be had ship them by the first opportunity. We are &c.

[Council to Capt. N. Smith.] No. 167.

Sr. February 19th 1777

In answer to yours of 15th by Capt Furnival we are to inform you that we expect some cloathing every day from Virginia which in all probability will do very well for your men. The Leather Breeches you may get for your Company they paying ten shillings as Capt. Furnival's do. Enclosed is an order on the commissary for linnen for shirts. The increase of pay is now an object of consideration with the Assembly & we doubt not will take place. Any alteration in the Articles of War must be made by the General Assembly, & upon a proper representation of the inconvenience you mention probably they will come into it. We are &c

Capt Nathaniel Smith.

[Council to W. Richardson?]

Sir. Annaps. Feby 19 1777

We have the honor of transmitting to you the thanks of the General Assembly of this State for your spirited conduct in

C. S. C. marching into it your Battallion of Militia in order to assist General Hooper in quelling the insurrection in Somerset & Worcester Counties.

With the greatest respect & regard
Sir your most Obed. Servts

[R. Ridgely to Assembly.]

In Council of Safety Annapolis Feby 19th 1777.

The Honble General Assembly. In consequence of your directions to send immediately two armed cutters to cruize between Cape Hatteras and Chingoteague Inlet, for the purpose of giving early intelligence to all vessels bound to this State, of the ships of War now stationed in this Bay. We have endeavoured to get vessels ready for that purpose, but find it impracticable to procure the Captains on the Bounty and ordinary wages, or men on their present pay, which we think proper to inform you of, and submit to your further consideration.

(By order)
R. Ridgely Sen.

[William Johnson to Council.]

Fells Point February 19th 1777.

Gent.

I some time agoe informed you I had engaged a quantity of light canvas suitable for tents but receiving no answer I sent Mr Barrance down to Annapolis to get a particular answer. He was informed that my letter was answered to Mr Hopkins or Hollingsworth, but on enquiry of them can get no intelligence, whether you intend to take it or not. I therefore beg you'l be kind enough to let me know by Capt. Robertson who brings this, whether you will take this canvas or not. there is about 600 yards at 7½ per yard, full ell wide should you take it please send me an order for the money on your agent here.

I am Gentlemen with great Respect,
Your humble Servant,
William Johnson.

The Honble The Council of Safety,
Annapolis

N. B. It takes about 18 yds of this to a tent and 30 yards of the Osnaburg or Ticklenburg.

C. S. J. Thursday, February 20th 1777

Council Met. Present as on yesterday.

Copy of Letter No 168 was sent to William Johnson and Copy of No 169 was sent to Capt. George Cooke.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Bullen One Hundred Pounds. C. S. J.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Davidson One hundred and seventy five Pounds for Cloathing for Soldiers of Captain Thomas's late Company, to be accounted for.

Ordered That Capt. Fulford take into his Custody Doct Andrew Francis Cheney.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay the Clerk Fifty Pounds for Expresses.

Adjourned till next day 10 °Clock.

[Council to William Johnson.] C. S. C. No. 168.

Sir. February 20th

We will take the canvas you mention and upon producing the Commissarys receipt we will direct payment to be made

We are &c

Mr William Johnson.

[Council to Capt. Cook.] No. 169.

Sir. February 20th 1777

The dispute between you and the Purser of the Defence is not of consequence enough to lay before the General Assembly. Nor do we conceive that you can oblige Mr Muir to deliver up his books before a settlement, a copy of them you are entitled to, and if he does not either settle his accounts immediately & deliver his books or a Copy of them, inform the Council thereof and such steps will be pursued as will enforce a compliance with this requisition We are &c

Capt George Cooke.

[Samuel Chase to Council.] Original.

Gentlemen. Baltimore Town Feby 20th 1777.

I am sorry to inform you that the Report of the Engagement on Fryday week is without any other foundation than a little skirmish, which the General barely mentions in his letter to our committee in Philadelphia.

Congress are anxiously expecting a reinforcement to our brave and worthy General from the new Levies: Above six weeks ago Congress directed General Smallwood to take a tour through the State and exert his influence in raising our Quota, and they called on all our public Bodies, and every friend to America, to yield him their assistance. I mention this because Congress flattered themselves with great success from this measure and it is said it has been neglected.

C. S. C. A little attention to our public affairs and the State of our Army will convince any man that the most vigorous exertions are necessary and must be adopted to procure our quota. I shall not enlarge on this important subject. I beg leave to call your immediate attention to it, and if a moment's delay can be granted, be pleased to consider the following extract of a letter from Gen[l] Washington to his friend Col[o] Harrison, of 12 Instant. With great truth I can add, that Heaven alone knows upon what principle they (the enemy) act, or by what means, they are kept quiet. That we are not able to make the least stand, if they move, is as clear as the sun in its Meridian Brightness. Whilst you are at an expence equal to the maintenance of a large army and expect that we are very strong, we have scarce men enough to mount the common guard.

I thought this Intelligence necessary for your information, but the communication of it to our General Assembly must be made with every caution of secrecy. The knowledge of it may bring destruction on our Country.

I wish it was in my power to advise in the present crisis. The mode in the Resolve of Congress to Gen[l] Smallwood may be of some service. The Gentlemen of this County have not as yet assisted, by public meetings and associations, to carry any public measures into execution. I beg leave to submit the enclosed proposal to your consideration, if adopted it ought to be late in the Session, and after all other exertions have been made. I am, Gent, with regard and Respect,

The Honble Council of Safety
of Maryland
Annapolis

Your obedient Servant,
Sam[l] Chase.

C. S. J. Friday February 21, 1777.

Council Met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captain Joshua George Seventy Nine Pounds Twelve Shillings and nine pence.

Adjourned till next Day 10 o'Clock

C. S. C. [Andrew Buchanan to Council.]

Sirs. Harford County 17th February 1777.

We received the money remited us by M[r] Norris and shall take care to return account of the expenditure. The money we formerly had we remited acc[t] of. If mischances has happened that it has not come to your hands we will furnish

duplicate. on a late return made us by Capt. John Jolley, C. S. C.
David Sweney is appointed second Lieutenant and John Cunningham Ensign in the Room of two officers of that company removed.

Signed per order of Comm^ttee^ Amos Garrett Chr^n^

The Honble Council of Safety of
Maryland. P. S. Pleas to expedite commissions for the officers above appointed.

First Coll^o^	Alexander Cown	223.
Second D^o^	James M^c^Carnois	146.
First Major	Bennet Bussey	97.
Second D^o^	Samuel Caldwell	78.

We do hereby certify that the above named Gentlemen were duly elected as field officers for the eighth Battalion of Harford County in the State of Maryland

Witness our hands this 19th day of February 1777.

John Taylor, Robt. Amos Judges, James Smith, Joseph Cromwells, Clerks, Capt. Charles Baker, Capt. Benjamin B. Norris, Capt. James Stewart, Capt. Benjamin Amoss, William Downs, Benjn Scott.

Gentlemen. Baltimore County Feby 21st 1777.

You'l be pleased to make out the Commissions field officers for the eight Battalion, Harford County, agreable to the above certificate

To the Council of Safety of
Maryland

I am Sirs yours
And. Buchanan.

[James Calhoun to Council.]

Gentlemen. Baltimore 21st Feby 1777.

The keeper of the Prison for this County (being placed there by Mr Christie who has left these parts) declares he will not continue in it any longer and Mr Aisquith who is elected Sheriff refuseth to take charge of it until he is commissioned and the Prisoners properly assigned to him. Therefore the Jail is likely to be left without a jailer, and there being no magistrate to take any order in this matter thought it my duty to let your Honble Board know our situation. I hope you will give some directions concerning it.

I am, Gent. Your most obed^t^ Hble. Servt.
James Calhoun.

The Honble Council of Safety
Annapolis

C. S. C.
Original.

[Morris to Jenifer.]

Philad[a] Feb[y] 21, 1777

Sir: I have received your favour of the 8th inst. and in answer thereto you may depend that I will seek an opportunity of shipping soon as possible produce to the amount of the sum you mention cons[d] to Mess[rs] Wm. Bingham & Rich[d] Harrison on acc[t] of your State to discharge the obligation they are under for you, this Produce must be at your Risque, or if I cannot obtain freight, I will try to obtain bills to remit them but fear this must be done at great disadvantage, whilst so many French men have large sums here that they want to remit. You shall be informed soon as any thing is effected & in the mean time I will advise them of your orders & my intentions respecting this matter.

I had a concern of 140 bbls Powder lately taken by the Men of War in your Bay & more expected but still hope for better luck.

I am very respectfully
Sir, your obed[t] hble. Serv[t]
Rob[t] Morris

The Honble
Dan[l] of St. Tho[s] Jenifer Esq[r]
Presid[t] of Council of Safety.

C. S. J.

Saturday February 22[d] 1777.

Council Met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to M[rs] Annis Three Pounds Two Shillings and Six pence.

Copy of Letter N° 170 was sent to Samuel Dorsey and Copy of N° 171 was sent to James Calhoun.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Susanna Howard four Pounds four Shillings.

Copy of Letter N° 172 was sent to Captain George Cooke.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John M[c]Fadon One hundred Pounds. That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Ridgely Seventy five Pounds for his Attendance as Clerk to the Council of Safety

Adjourned till Monday 10 °Clock.

C. S. C.
No. 170.

[Council to Samuel Dorsey.]

Sir.

February 22[d]

We are in very great want of Twenty four pounders and should be much obliged to you to cast them in the manner M[r] Steward may direct as soon as you possibly can.

M[r] Samuel Dorsey.

We are &[c]

[Council to James Calhoun.] C. S. C. No. 171.

Sir. February 22d 1777

We are obliged by your information about the prison & are of opinion that the committee without loss of time appoint some proper person in whom they can confide to take care of the prisoners therein & find them provision. This in all probability will not continue longer than till the qualification of the Governor & his Council, when commissions will issue to the several elected Sheriffs & is a necessary step which we conceive must be immediately taken to prevent those people being let at large who ought to be kept under confinement

James Calhoun Esquire, We are &c
Chairman of Balt. Committee

[Council to Capt. Cook.] No. 172.

Sir. February 22d 1777

We are in great want of 6 four pounders to fit out a Galley immediately for a particular expedition down the Bay we should be obliged to you to let Mr Steward have them and you may depend upon their being returned before the Defence can be ready to proceed on a cruize We are &c

[G. L. Gibson to Council.]

The Honble The Council of Safety. 22nd February 1777.

Gentlemen. Captain Patterson for whom I went appearance Bail to your House, has applied for my approbation to be employed by you in the public service. I have not the least objection to his going, provided in case of accident, he should be lost in such service, that I may not be culpable for his non-appearance, agreable to the bond I have with him joined in. I am Gentlemen, Your most obedt Servt

G. L. Gibson.

[Secretary Peters to Governor and Council.] Original.

War Office, Feby. 22 1777

Gentlemen: I am directed by the Board of War to request you will be pleased to furnish Dr Samuel McKenzie Director of the Hospital at Baltimore with such Medicines as he shall require out of the Store belonging to your State. As soon as they can be replaced by Congress it shall be done or the Value paid if you require it. I have the Honour to be

your very obedt Servant

Honourable Governor & Richard Peters, Secy
Council of the State of Maryland

C. S. J.

Tuesday February 25th 1777.

Council met. Present as on Saturday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Bullen One hundred Pounds.

Copy of Letter N° 173 was sent to Richard Peters Esqrs

Adjourned till next day 10 °Clock.

C. S. C.
No. 173.

[Council to Secretary Peters.]

Sir. February 25th 1777

In compliance with the request of the Board of War we have furnished Doctr Samuel McKenzie with such medicines as we could possibly spare & sincerely wish it had been in our power to have done it more amply, but considering the number of sick in this State & our low stock of medicine we could not part with a larger quantity We are &c

Richard Peters Esq
Secretary to the Board of War.

C. S. J.

Wednesday, February 26, 1777.

Council Met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Capt. William Paddison Two hundred and Six Pounds fourteen Shillings and Nine pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Archibald Anderson five hundred Dollars for the Recruiting Service.

That The said Treasurer pay to Ridgely Howard and Lux Eight hundred and Thirty three Pounds, twelve Shillings. That the said Treasurer pay to Stephen Shelmerdine five Pounds two Shillings and Six Pence

Adjourned till next Day 10 o'clock.

C. S. C.

[Memorial of A. F. Cheney.]

To the Honourable The Council of Safety of Maryland.

The memorial of A. F. Cheney humbly sheweth, viz. Whereas it is impossible for your memorialist to make a regular defence against the charges alledged against him without being thoroughly acquainted therewith. Your memorialist humbly prayeth that he may be indulged with a copy of the several depositions lodged with your Honours against him.

February 26th 1777.

Thursday February 27th 1777. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Eastman and Neth Eleven Pounds fifteen Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to Elizabeth Mills four Pounds four Shillings for making Shirts.

Commission Issued to John David appointed Captain of a Row Galley called the Conqueror

Vincent Trapnel having been brought before the Council of Safety and the several Depositions against him being read and considered and having taken the oath of Allegiance to the State It is therefore ordered that the said Vincent Trapnel give Security in the Sum of One Thousand Pounds for his good Behaviour and Personal Appearance at next Baltimore Court to answer such charges as may be Alledged against him and also pay the Expences of Witnesses attending to give Evidence that he be discharged.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Jacob Madeira Thirty Pounds.

Adjourned till next day 10 °Clock.

[Samuel Chase to Council.] Original.

Gentlemen. Baltimore 27th February 1777.

Congress adjourned this day to Philadelphia, there to meet on Wednesday next. Capt. Deames company is ready to march, but there are no officers. I believe there is a Lieutenant, but the Board of War is informed he is a worthless drunken fellow. The Captain is unfit for the command, and to send such a company without some good officers will reflect a disgrace on our State and injure the service. I advised Capt. Deames to send forward his Company, and to wait on you for the appointment of officers.

I have nothing from Camp, worthy of notice, except that Genl Howe has received a reinforcement of 4000 from Rhode Island. Yours Respectfully

The Honble The Council of Maryland, Saml Chase.
Annapolis

Friday February 28th 1777 C. S. J.

Council Met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Eleanor Howard Three pounds Ten Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to Polly Wye five Pounds Nineteen Shillings. Copy of Letter N° 174 was sent to Jesse

C. S. J. Hollingsworth and Copy of N° 175 was sent to Samuel Beall 3rd

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Mrs Gordon Three pounds, two Shillings and Six pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Ezekiel Towson Sixty one Pounds Eight Shillings and Nine pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Benjamin Griffith and John Cockey Eighty Pounds and one half penny.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Pitt Thirteen pounds Two Shillings and Six pence.

Commission Issued to Abraham Gormon appointed first Lieutenant of the Row Galley called the Conqueror.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Coursey One hundred and fifty Pounds.

Copy of Letter N° 176 was sent to Thomas Smyth Esquire.

Adjourned till next day 10 °Clock.

C. S. C. No. 174.

[Council to Jesse Hollingsworth.]

Sir. February 28th 1777

We understand our Bay is now clear of Men of War and think this a very convenient time to get out the Brig, we therefore request you'll get her ready immediately and send her down. Inform us what quantity of Tobacco you can procure for the Lydia, and at what price in case we should incline to load her at Baltimore

Mr Jesse Hollingsworth.

No. 175.

[Council to Beall.]

Sir. February 28th 1777

Mr Young has put into our hands an extract from a letter that you received from Mr Stevenson in Statia informing you of 2 chests & two bales having been shipt by him on account of this State pr Capt Reuben Fairchild to Carolina and that by your desire he had reserved one bale to pay charges. Mr McCreary has informed us that he shipped from Rotterdam sundry articles as mentioned on account of this State, addressed to Mr. Vanbibber & that they had arrived safe but as yet we have not received any advice from him of this transaction. We must beg the favour of you to inform us as explicitly as you can of such particulars as have come to your knowledge respecting this business and also in what part of Carolina Capt. Fairchild arrived and whether any arms or goods are arrived in James River belonging to Maryland that you have heard of.

Mr Young informs us that he saw a package of medicine belonging to this State at Petersburgh. Be so kind as to make inquiry and have proper care taken of it and advise us thereof inclosed you have an extract from Mr McCreary's letter of the goods he shipped to this State. C. S. C.

Saml Beall 3rd

[Council to Smyth.] No. 176.

Sir. Feby 28th 1777

We are informed that a considerable quantity of rigging and sail duck has lately arrived at your Town in a Brig from Philadelphia, therefore beg you'll procure as much of each as you can for the use of the State.

Thos Smyth Esqr

[Jesse Hollingsworth to Council.]

Sirs. Baltimore February 28th 1777.

I doubt not but you will think it strange that the Brig Brothers is not with you before this, but my not being aquanted with riging as I ought to be I think the have not delivered the vesell with her Riging agreable to inventory so that wee wanted a few coills of rope which I have with the greatest difficulty got, and am geting from Mr Lux. I had a old cable of my own and have twise laid it and with a deall of Trouble shall get her away the last of the week or the begining of the next. Capt. More has his hands which is a matter worth much at this time. from your humble Servant

Jesse Hollingsworth

The Honnorable Counsell of Saftey, Anopolis

Saturday March 1st 1777 C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

In Council of Safety. Annapolis February 28th 1777.

The Council of Safety, in obedience to the Request of the Honourable The General Assembly, have considered the case of such of the Insurgents from Somerset and Worcester Counties, as have been brought before them, and beg leave to report their opinion, as followeth.

That Doctr Andrew, Francis Cheney, and Jesse Gray, as also Daniel Melson from Sussex County are not bailable. That Doctr John Odell Hart is bailable, that Jesse Davis Lieutenat to Gray Daniel Fookes, Boaz Walton, John Parsons,

C. S. J. Samuel Williams and Jonathan Fookes are not particularly excepted out of the Proclamation, and being Inhabitants of this State the Council have formed no opinion of their being bailable, or not, nor can they with precision, untill the General Assembly first Determine, whether they are entitled to the Benfit of the Proclamation.

With Regard to the Reverend Mr Bowie, the Council of Safety were equally divided in Opinion on the point of Bailment. All which is submitted to the consideration of the Honourable The Senate and Delegates in Assembly.

By order R. Ridgely Cl Cc.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Nicholson Junr Thirty Six Pounds, Eight Shillings for Attendance in Council.

Adjourned till Monday 10 °Clock.

Monday, March 3^d^ 1777.

Council met. Present as on Saturday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to William Galbraith One hundred and Eighteen Pounds Seven Shillings and Eight Pence.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to William Galbraith 12 Musquets and Accoutrements, 200 w^t^ Gun powder and Lead equivalent also Cartridge paper together with some Shoes &^ca^ for nine men.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John M^c^Fadon Seventy one Pounds Eleven Shillings and one Penny half penny.

Adjourned till next day 10 °Clock.

C. S. C. [Petition of Richard Smith.]

Head Quarters, Annapolis March 3^d^ 1777.

The Humble Petition of Richard Smith, to the Honourable the Council of Safety for leave: Humbly sheweth: That your petitioner hath been solicited for to enter on board the conquorer, which now lies here in the Harbour, and as I have most Honourable Gentlemen a father on board, said boat, thats first Lieutenant, the Captain offers me a serjeants birth in the marines, and as it is not going out of your Honours service hopes therefrom that you will indulge me so far, as to get with my father, in said boat. And your poor Petitioner, shall ever be in duty bound to pray. Richard Smith.

N. B. Gentlemen. I have been a twelve month in the service, in Captains Fulfords Company, and has no objections

tarrying therein only wanting to be with my father, and hopes C. S. C.
Gentlemen, that you will grant me the favour:

Richd Smith.

To the Honble the Council of Safety of M^d

[Smallwood to Jenifer.] Original.

Princess Ann March 3^d 1777.

Sir

Having an opportunity by Mr Crocket embrace it to acquaint, that agreeable to your last Requisition, the second Virginia Regem^t & the Continental Regular Companies, under Command of Deams & Godman were discharged on the 16th Feb^y, but by contrary Winds have understood they were detained some Days at Cambridge, our small Party arrived on the 19th at Salisbury and on the 23^d here, at those Posts and on our march we found People generally quiet, and Peaceable, tho' much alarmed particularly such who were under Guard upon Accusations who seemed disposed to accept the Terms offered in the Proclamation which induced me to discharge all the Militia and procure twenty light Horsemen, who have rendered essential Services upon detatched Duty, under Regular Officers; having all the excepted Persons under Guard except Callalo, and Moore, after whom I have had three Parties for sometime out & directed Capt Campbell to cruise in the sound, hang out British Colours, and hover about the mouths of the Rivers in order to meet & intercept them, shou'd an escape be attempted that Way, but am apprehensive they have escaped, having this Day received a Letter from Campbell, informing that several Tories escaped thro' the sound three Days before he arrived at his Station. I deferred distributing and publishing the Proclamation, 'till every exertion had been used to apprehend the Persons excepted, & upon supposition that the whole wou'd be secured, have hitherto declined sending to Annapolis such as have been in custody, with a Standard & Drum taken from the Insurgents, and shou'd be glad to know the Pleasure of the Assembly respecting their being sent up immediately, or longer detained till further Testimony might be aduced against them, and other Steps taken to apprehend the two others, shou'd they not have escaped to the British Ships; I find myself under some difficulty respecting the Proclamation, the Terms of which in some degree appear repugnant to my Instructions, in rendering it Optional in the Offenders to comply with them within the 40 Days limitted for that purpose when the latter part of the first Requisition in my

C. S. C. Instructions, requires me to Publish, distribute and enforce the same without any Limitation, and the last Requisition therein requires (if I apprehend right) that I shou'd give the necessary Orders for secureing the Arms of the Insurgents in Somerset & Worcester Counties in the like unlimitted manner. however 'tho my Instructions & the Proclamation bear the same Date, and I conceive the former shou'd determine my Conduct, yet the Public Faith being Plighted in the latter, has induced me to wave exercising Force, or complying with the abovementioned Requisitions, 'till the Limitation In the Proclamation expires, or 'till I know the Pleasure of the general Assembly, and receive their further Direction on that head tho I must confess I have exercised a Power not clearly derived from either, in summoning & bringing under guard here, such Persons whose conduct has been most exceptionable, & whose Testimony might ascertain the Original causes of this Insurrection, and set in a clear light the conduct of those, who have been most active against their Country, in which if I have erred I must beg it may be imputed to generous Motives, in being anxious to check such conduct in future, & promote the Public good, which shall be discontinued if disapproved. however those Persons have been treated with Lenity & suffered no other Inconvenience but their Attendance here. I am sorry to observe that some of the Except^ns^ are extended against Persons who are objects of Pity, rather than Resentment, & it wou'd appear have been deluded, whilst others better enabled, and whose Offences have been more artfully concealed, will avail themselves of the Benefit of the Proclamation, nor can it be expected that their Designs and Views will terminate here, unless they are brought into Public light, and made Examples of. I wou'd not be understood to shew a disposition to disparrage any mans conduct, but I submit to superior Judgment if it wou'd not have answer'd better purposes, had the commanding officers proceeded to disarm (which I am well assured might have been effected without Bloodshed) rather than treat with those Insurgents, which was dishonoring not only their Commissions, but the Power that conferred them, and if I may presume to judge, this transaction I am afraid has prevented such a finishing Stroke being put to this Affair, as otherwise might have been, and at the same Time equal Lenity & Mercy might have been extended, and it does not appear to me from the complexion of the People (tho I sincerely wish it) that the Proclamation will have the desired Effect, any longer than 'till a more favorable opportunity offers.

This Business is irksome, because Time is pressing & I find myself inadequate to it, and am apprehensive as its a new

Department to me, I shall not afford the Public that satisfaction which may be expected, and am well satisfied it wou'd have been much better accomplished by some gentleman in the Civil Line, supported by a small Military Force, which if this cou'd still be done I think the general good wou'd be better Promoted by my Attention to and forwarding the Recruiting Service, however the commands of the general Assembly &c shall be a Law to me. Pray will it absolve and wash away the Offences of the young fellows who are excepted, shou'd they inlist which I believe they wou'd readily come into. Have inclosed nine Depositions which I judged might now be wanted at Annapolis, I have a number more taken, but really have neither Paper nor Clerks to enable me to send copies thereof. Doct^{r} Wm Dashiel who was with me last Campaign, and is a very deserving & well qualified young gentleman in his Department, desires an Application may be entered for his becoming Surgeon to Col^{o} Gists Reg^{t} which will fall in the Line; if Chirurgical Rank is admitted, & Wallace & Briscoe succeed to the 1st & 2^{d} Reg^{ts} also Dr Johnson of Frederick, a young Gentleman of equal merit, who served in the general Hospital and attended myself & the wounded of my late Reg^{t}, is desirous and I believe him well Qualified to act in a like Department, & theres Dr Griffith who acted in the flying Camp, desired me to enter his Application, but as he is a Stranger I cannot undertake to recommend him. Col^{o} Done desired an Application might be entered for his Brother W^{m} who supports a very clear character and is represented to be spirited; for an Ensigns com^{n}, he having served on Board a Privatier some small Time. I shou'd be obliged shou'd Mr Duvall be directed to transmit me a List of the Appointm^{ts} as there are many young Gentlemen here desirous to know what situation they stand in, particularly Mr Richd Waters Brother to John Waters, who behaved so bravely at the White Plains, this young Gentleman has enlisted nearly his Compliment of Men and can get more, I hope he has not been neglected

With much Regard I have the Honor to be

Y^{r} very Obed^{t} H^{ble} Servt

W. Smallwood B. G^{l}

C. S. C.

P. S. I have just received Intelligence that the Phenix and her Tenders are now at Anchor in the Middle of the Bay opposite Hoopers Straights and that Callalo returned to Smiths Islands about 2 Hours after Capt Stewart and his Party came from there, so that He may yet its probable be taken. I make no doubt you have heard of the Enemy's having rec^{d} a reinforcement in New Jersey which has occasioned Congress to issue a Resolve requiring the Troops raised on the Continental Establishment in the several States to march

C. S. C. by Companies and parts of Comp^ys & this will make my Party very weak as I shall be obliged to send off Gunby's & Long's Companies, the latter of which I have ordered here, but have not yet arrived, to relieve the Baltimore Independ^ts who are very anxious to get Home being Chiefly men of Business the State as well as themselves must suffer However I shall endeavour to discharge them in a short Time as I don't imagine there will be any opposition, & if there should I think I shall be enabled to call in Militia to answer every Purpose; but we are at present barely able to make out two Guards which will scarcely afford the necessary Reliefs.

C. S. J. Tuesday March 4th 1777.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captain Jos^h Burgess One Thousand Dollars for the Recruiting Service

Copy of Letter N° 177 was sent to Vernon Hebb and Timothy Bowes William Worth master of the Ship Custis about 200 Tons from Massachusets Bay delivers to the Council his Clearance and other papers, whereby it appears that his Entry is Regular.

OrderedThat the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Matthew Tilghman Esquire five hundred and Eighty Pounds, Six Shillings and five pence three farthings Currency, by order and for the use of Jenifer and Hooe.

Adjourned till next day 10 °Clock.

C. S. C. No. 177. [Council to Hebb and Bowes.]

Gentlemen. March 4th

As there any many persons bringing accounts here about the Articles which you had the management & sale of, which accounts we conceive you to be better acquainted with than we possibly can be, we therefore desire that you will examine adjust & pay all those Accounts out of the money in your hands & if that should not prove sufficient you are to draw upon us. We are &^c

Messrs Vernon Hebb & Timothy Bowes

[Jesse Hollingsworth to Council.]

Baltimore March 4th 1777.

Sirs. The Brig will sail I suppose this day with a full lode of tobacco bread and flour most of the flour superfine the accounts of cargo will be on board her as to tobacco I cannot say much about it the price is 30 shillings at this time flour is

to be had the Bar at 22/6 the superfine at 25/ I think I could load her in the course of 4 weeks with 100 hhd^s of tobacco and the remainder best flour and bread I have some tobacco on hand which must go on board immediately and I would undertake to lode her with 100 hhd^s tobacco 1 third of flour and 1 third bread in 4 weeks from the rec^t of your orders for that purpose. But must give market price for the tobacco. Please write me by first opportunity from C. S. C.

Your Humble Servt
Jesse Hollingsworth:

To the Honble the Council of Safety of M^d

[Petition of George Gordon.]

The Humble petition of George Gordon, sheweth that your petitioner having served your Honours in the course of last summer in cleaning and repairing the arms of this state, and hopes to your satisfaction since which time your petitioner has lingered under a severe sickness which notwithstanding never prevented your petitioner from steping forth in defence of his country and as your petitioner understands that there are a number of arms to be repaired for this state Humbly hopes your Honours will please to employ him in doing the same as he hopes your Honours from experience will find him as capable as any other in this city at least. And in hopes of your Honours favour your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray &c. &c. G. Gordon

March 4th 1777.

To the Honble the Council of Safety of M^d

[Petition of Thomas Doyle.]

The Humble Petition of Thomas Doyle now Gunner, on Board the Dolphin, to the Honourable, the Council of Safety Humbly sheweth. That, your Honours, some time past, was pleased to grant me a Commission, in Captain Charles Carman's Company of Militia, in Baltimore County belonging to the soldiers Delight Batallion, and now Gunner, on board the Dolphin. Therefore, most Honourable Gentlemen, as I have been both in the land and sea service, and has been serviceable in both, and there being a captain wanted in the marines, on board the Conqueror, now lying in this Harbour, hopes that your Honours will grant me a Captains Commission in said marines on board the Conqueror as I can produce a good character, and one of ability to fill said birth. Therefore most considerate Gentlemen, hopes that your Honours will take

C. S. C. the above matter into your most serious considerations, and grant me the above commission, and your Petitioner shall ever be in duty bound to pray

Head Quarters Annapolis Thomas Doyle.
March 4th 1777. So God bless the Congress, and direct our General.

To the Honourable the Council of Safety of Md

C. S. J. Wednesday March 5th 1777

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Bullen One hundred pounds Also the further Sum of Seventy five Pounds. That the said Treasurer pay to Mrs Unsworth Three pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Smith one hundred and forty three pounds for the use of Isaac Vanbibber.

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain John David Two hundred and forty six pounds fifteen Shillings and three pence. Also the further Sum of fifty Pounds.

Adjourned till next day 10 °Clock.

C. S. C. [Petition of Vincent Lusby.]

The Petition of Vincent Lusby of Anne Arundel County most humbly sheweth. That on the 15th day of July 1776 your Petitioner entered into the service of his country under the Command of Captain James Disney of this Country. That on the 16th day of November following he was taken prisoner, and so continued until the 3d day of January 1777 That from the time of his being taken prisoner down to the present time he hath not received one farthing of wages. Wherefore he prays your Honours to take his case under your serious consideration and grant him such relief in the premises as to your Honours shall seem meet. And your Petitioner as in duty bound will pray &c.

To the Hon the Council of Safety of Md March 5th 1777.

C. S. J. Thursday March 6. 1777.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Brown four pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to George Hartshorn One pound two Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to George Gordon four pounds for a Gun. C. S. J.

That the said Treasurer pay to Isaac Perkins fifty two pounds five Shillings and Six pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Belain Posey Sixteen pounds three Shillings and Ten pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Nicholas Maccubbin One hundred and thirty Nine pounds nineteen Shillings and Eight pence.

Adjourned till next day 10 °Clock.

Friday March 7th 1777.

Council met. Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Bullen One hundred pounds also the further Sum of Ninety pounds. That the said Treasurer pay to James Barrance two hundred and Eighty seven pounds nineteen Shillings for the use of William Johnson.

Adjourned till next day 10 °Clock.

[Samuel Godman to Council.] C. S. C.

Baltimore 7th March 1777.

Honoured Gentlemen. The person who undertook to make the cloathes for my Company has made about thirty sutes, but since I was ordered on the E. Shore has declined making any more, as he informed me you were not willing to allow him a sufficient price for doing it. He desired me to inform you, that he would not make them for less than thirty five shillings ꝑ sute, he finding thread and mohair there is not a man in town, will do it for less, as I have the cloth in town, I should be glad to know as speedy as possible what I shall do respecting the matter. As this state has not been able to procure blankets for the troops, I have thought proper to send out my officers, amongst the good people, house-keepers of this neighbourhood, to see if they would not furnish me with what blankets they could conveniently spare, as I would wish to expedite our march, I have done this without yr approbation, but with respect to the price of those blankets (that may be collected) I am at a loss, whether you would choose to rest the matter with me, or limit the price, I should be glad to know, (if you approve) the cloathing will be speedily done, if you think proper to pay that price.

I am Honoured Gentlemen yr most Obedt Servt

Saml Godman.

To the Honble The Council of Safety of Md

C. S. C.
Original.

[Campbell to Jenifer.]

Baltimore 7th March 1777

Dan[l] of S[t] Thomas Jenifer Esq[r]

Sir

I have to inform your board that I returned yesterday from a Cruize down the Bay & Sound and would have called at your Port, but was confined to bed by the plurisie of which two of my people died and many more are bad I Rec[d] two letters from Gen[l] Smallwood acquainting me that he had apprehended all the persons excepted from the Benefit of the Proclamation except one Callallo and one Thomas Moor he sent a party to the Tangiers and Required me to search the Islands between the Tangiers and Hoopers Streights and secure the bodies of Certain persons Agreeable to a list he sent me, I was known to be about the Sound and the Islanders were so much afraid that I had no chance of succeeding I therefore Arm'd a small Sloop and sent her with Twenty men on that Business Callalo and one Mezeck who had been on board most of last Somer went on b[d] the Phenix before she went down the Bay, all the others had fled and taken Shelter in the Morasses on the aproach of our people except Levin Evans, Gen[l] Smallwood writes to me that he is a notorious offender I brought him up and delivered him to Cap[t] N. Smith, to be dispos'd of as the executive power may think right. I sent Gen[l] Smallwood's letters to Congress as they Contained all the inteligence of maters Below that I was able to procure, when I was down I saw none of the enemies ships but was informed the Phenix lay of Willowby's Point and the other two had gone to Sea, I wrote to Gen[l] Smallwood to this purpose, that same day after my express went off inteligence was brought me by a Sloop from this place that the Phenix was above Point Lookout this confirm'd the same evening by a boat advice of which I sent the General and went out of the Streights before day to know the truth of the mater but not finding the ship where she was said to be, and the winds being southerly I concluded she was gone up the Bay and Continued in that opinion 'till I saw a Ship at Annapolis which I conclude was the one taken for the Phenix, some of the Islanders and some Tories had sent on b[d] several small supplies of provisions the ships had no other connexions with the shore since their being in the Bay except by Flaggs sent on shore to Virginia

Capt. Campbell

C. S. J.

Saturday, March 8th 1777.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Nicholson jun[r] Esq[r] four pounds Eighteen Shillings for his Attendance in Council of Safety.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Snowden Three hundred and thirty seven pounds Seven Shillings C. S. J.

That the said Treasurer pay to Beriah Maybury One hundred & two pounds twelve Shillings & nine pence also the further Sum of Two hundred Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Stephen Steward One thousand pounds. That the said Treasurer pay to William Jacob Sixty pounds. That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Barber Eighteen pounds.

Adjourned till Monday 10 °Clock.

[Jesse Hollingsworth to Council.] C. S. C.

Baltimore March 8th 1777.

With some difficulties I have got the Brig away the last hindrance was a dangerous one the hands had proposed on going to See to take the Brig for which I have them on board the Friget in irons and have shipt other hands the invoises and accounts of the Cargo are inclosed which I hope will please I should sent more bread and less flour but they told me there was room for much more till she was filled, please inform me if the ship Lidia is to be loaded by me I shall be down Tuesday or Wednesday next with all my accounts for a settlement and I hope if I continue to do your business never to be so long again without handing you your account it stole on me unsensably as I had no thought when I first came into the business it would amount so high from your Humble Servants, Jesse Hollingsworth

To the Honble The Council of Safety of M^d

Monday, March 10th 1777. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on Saturday

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to the Clerk fifty Pounds for Expresses.

John Gibson and Woolman Gibson of Talbot County having been brought before the Council of Safety in consequence of Information that they had abused and insulted the Officers of this State, while acting in their public Capacity, and they being heard in their own Defence It was Ordered that they be put in Custody of Captain Fulford and confined in the Guard House till Tomorrow.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Jacob Myers 20 lb Steel.

Adjourned till next day 10 °Clock.

C. S. C.

[George Cook to Smith.]

On Board the Defence March 10th 1777

Sir. Last Saturday was solicited by Capt Jervis & Bolton, Mr Lions a mate & a foremastman all prisoners taken by the ship Defence of the state to obtain leave on parole, to be exchanged at New York. I have advised with several gentlemen on this head, particularly with Mr William Lux and yourself who all agree with me in the justice of letting them go on parole to be exchanged for some of those prisoners belonging to this state now at New York, And taken in one of the prizes that the ship. I by no means would have ventured to have given them a parole without particularly laying it before the General Assembly and getting their approbation for it, would time have permitted. this day I am informed that several persons belonging to the United States are to set out under the care of Lieut Matthewman to Philadelphia (of those states) who is to endeavour to effect an exchange for himself and others. I have enclosed you a copy of the paroles given, and their acknowledgement to us which I hope will be satisfactory.

I am sir yr most Hble Servt George Cook.

To John Smith Esqr Annapolis:

[Parole of James Scott.]

Baltimore March 10th 1777

I do hereby pledge my Honr to George Cook Esqr comman^d of the ship of War Defence of Maryland that I will (after having obtained leave of Congress) proceed to New York, and there endeavour to be exchanged for Dennis Larkin formerly belonging to said ship and that in case such exchange cannot be effected that I will immediately return to this place to be disposed of as the Legislative power in the state of Maryland shall direct: James Scott:

This is to Certify that James Scott of the Snow Georgea, was taken by the Ship of War Defence belonging to the State of Maryland the 5th day of October 1776 that the said James Scott do pass unmolested from this to Philadelphia and no farther without leave from the Honl Congress given on board the ship Defence the 10th day of March 1777.

George Cook.

P. S. The above named Jas. Scott was in the merchant service and is sent on his parole of Honr Geo. Cook.

James Scott for Dennis Larkin, Capt Thos Bolton for Wm Carter Henry Jervis for Jas Cadery, Wm Lions for Alexr Stanton, Doctr Jno Lebessues for one of Equal rank.

Tuesday, March 11th 1777. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to George Gordon four pounds for a Gun.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Creswell Eleven hundred thirty three and one Sixths Dollars for the use of of Vanbibber & Crockett by order of Abraham Vanbibber.

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain Thomas Lansdale One thousand Dollars.

Copy of Letter N° 178 was sent to General Smallwood.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Robert Reid Ninety one pounds.

Adjourned till next day 10 °Clock.

[Council to Smallwood.] C. S. C. No. 178.

Sir. March 11th 1777

Your favr of the 3d Instant came to hand and was immediately laid before the House of Delegates who referred it back to this Board with directions that we should take such order therein as we should judge necessary.

We have no doubt but you have taken such steps in this business as you thought most conducive to the general good, and hope you'll soon have it in your power to have your post in such circumstances as will secure peace and quietness in future.

You mention your having some Prisoners in custody, and wish to know whether you are to send them up immediately or detain them longer until you can take more depositions. In answer to this we can only say that if the depositions already taken are conclusive it might be proper to send up the prisoners, if not you would do well to detain them until you can obtain such depositions, if in your opinion they can be had within a reasonable time. You would do well to publish the proclamation immediately as in our opinion no decisive measures can be taken with the Insurgents until the expiration of the 40 days therein mentioned, the arms of all should be instantly taken.

If any of the excepted persons or others will inlist into our service you are empowered to inform them this will wash away their offences, and the Council would rejoice at their taking this step to reinstate themselves in the good opinion of their injured Country.

We shall take care to lay a list of the several applicants you mention before the General Assembly

Genl Smallwood.

C. S. J.

Wednesday March 12th 1777

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Copy of Letter N° 179 was sent to Abraham Vanbibber Copy of 180 was sent to Vanbibber and Harrison and Copy of 181 was sent to Gerrard Hopkins.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Samuel Chamberlaine Eleven Pounds two Shillings and Seven pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Edward Bromwell Eight pounds fifteen Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to Spedding Bromwell Sixteen Shillings and Six pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Nicholas Goldsborough Thirteen pounds one Shilling & Eleven pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Delahay Seven Shillings and Six Pence.

Copy of Letter N° 182 was sent to Thomas Smyth Esqr

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Edward Timmonds Seven pounds ten Shillings for 2 Guns.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bullen one Hundred and fifty Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain James Tootle One hundred and Thirty three pounds Seventeen Shillings & Six pence.

Adjourned till next day 10 °Clock.

C. S. C.
No. 179.

[Council to A. Vanbibber.]

Sir. March 11th 1777.

Your favor of the 10th of January we have received, and are sorry for the capture of the Resolution. Your Order in favor of Vanbibber and Crockett, 1133⅙ Dollars, we have paid. Mr McCreary informs us that he shipped from Rotterdam to your address on account of this State 200 Musquets &c., that a Mr Beall who is connected with Mr Norton at Williamsburgh informed him that these goods arrived safe in Statia & that you refused to pay the freight of them and that a Mr Stevenson had taken them up and sold part to pay it. We cannot give credit to this information and desire that you will make enquiry & inform us particularly how and in what manner this business has been transacted and what has been done with the goods We refer you to our letter of this date to Vanbibber and Harrison, and are &c

Mr. Abraham Van Bibber

[Council to Vanbibber and Harrison.] C. S. C. No. 180.

March 11th 1777

Gent. Your favour of the 28th December inclosing account current &c and Mr Vanbibbers of the 10th January have come to hand.

We are exceedingly sorry that our endeavours to extinguish the heavy debt you have contracted on account of our State have been attended with so little success. Had the Resolution got safe through the enemies and the 92 not missed the Island of Martinique their cargoes which were valuable would have greatly relieved you. the 92 arrived at the Moal almost a wreck Martin Conway & Moores Cargoes if they arrive safe with the money you have or will receive for the powder Leguiere sold at Carolina belonging to this State will greatly reduce our balance.

We are getting the Ship Lydia Burthen 400 Hhds ready to take in a load of Tobacco which will be dispatched to you as soon as possible. And you may depend that the Governor & Council who will shortly succeed us and to whom in future be pleased to address your letters, will do every thing in their power to strengthen your hands. But if you could draw bills upon them even at 25 pr ct discount it would be serving the State & yourselves to do it. Salt Blankets & Course woollens with trimmings we want very much & wish to have them almost at any price. Mr Vanbibbers order on us in favr of Vanbibber and Crockett for 1133⅙ Dolls. has appeared and is duly honoured.

Pray have you ever heard any intelligence respecting Simonton. Mr McCreary who is now in this State has informed us that he shipped to the care of Mr Vanbibber from Rotterdam for the use of this State 2100 musquets 100.000 Gunflints 20 Boxes Dbl. & 20 Boxes single tin, 1300 Gun Locks 5 Tons lead, and a large quantity of medicines that a Mr. Beall who is connected with Mr Norton at Williamsburgh informed him that their goods arrived safe in Statia that Mr Vanbibber refused to pay the freight of them, and that a Mr Stevenson had taken them up and sold part of them to pay it.

We cannot give credit to this information; and beg that you will make enquiry and inform us particularly how this business has been transacted and what has been done with the goods.

Inclosed you have invoice & Bill of Lading for the Brothers Cargo which we wish to a good market. Herewith you will receive several copies of the convention of New York's address to the people of that State which be pleased to distribute amongst the Inhabitants of Martinique & the British Islands also a News paper that has Governor Livingston's speech to

C. S. C. his Assembly. This speech and the address we beg you would have translated into the French Language by an able hand, and send some copies to old France.

P. S. Send as much salt by the Brig as she can conveniently take in

Messrs. Van Bibber & Harrison

No. 181. [Council to Gerard Hopkins.]

March 12th 1777

Sir: We understand that Capt Jones has brought from Virginia to Baltimore some goods belonging to this State. We beg you will inform us of the quantity and all the particular parcels, and if any be missing and what. Likewise make enquiry of Jones & Mr Ominsetter where the remainder may be, that we may be upon some certainty in sending for them. You have below a list of the parcels as pr bill lading to which we refer & are &c

M N° 1 @ 2 2 Bbls
M C N° 1 @ 12 4 Hhds
& 8 Bales.

Mr. Gerard Hopkins

No. 182. [Council to Thomas Smyth.]

Sir, March 12th 1777

Some Troops moving to Chester Town makes it necessary to have a commissary there, and we are at a loss whom to appoint to that Department we beg you will interest yourself so far as to make choice of a proper person for that purpose. The Commissary when by you appointed must get the provision from the stock purchased by you for the use of this State of the delivery of which you will be pleased to keep a particular Account to enable us to make proper charges thereof against the Continent We are &c

Thos Smyth Esq.

[Joseph Marbury to Col. Gist.]

Port Tobacco 12th March 1777.

Sir. Mr Hugh Garner was appointed by the Convention my 2nd Lieutenant, but he does not incline to accept the Commission. Colonel Ware informes me, that you have the appointment of officers to fill up the vacancies in your own

Regiment. The Bearer hereof Mr Hezekiah Reeder is a young Gentn of family & fortune of this County, and is desirous of serving his Country, I therefore beg leave to recommend him as a fit person & shall be very glad you would appoint him my 2nd Lieutenant. I have not enlisted more than 19 men yet, as I have not heard from my ensign, cant tell what success he has met with the small pox being so rife at present that it greatly retards the recruiting service here. Mr Jones & myself are now in it, but hope we shall be able to get about again in eight or nine days: I received from Major Sam Smith 750 Dollars for part of the Bounty money, please to send by Mr Reeder the Ballance also some printed inlistments. I am Sir Your most Hble Servant, C. S. C.

Jos. Marbury.

To Colonel Mordeca Gist or Colo Nathl Ramsay.

I Chearfully acquiese in the recommendation of Captn Marbury and request that Mr Reeder may have the Commission which Mr Garner formerly held: I am &c.

Baltimore 14th 1777. Nathl Ramsay

Thursday March 13th 1777 C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Colo William Richardson four thousand Dollars.

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo Peter Adams Eight thousand Dollars.

That the said Treasurer pay to Charles and Joseph White Twenty nine pounds two Shillings and Six pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jesse Hollingsworth four thousand Six hundred and Eighteen pounds Nineteen Shillings and two pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Ralph Moore forty three pounds four Shillings and Eight Pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bullen Ninety Pounds

That the said Treasurer pay to James May for the use of Richard Dallam forty seven pounds five Shillings—Cy

Adjourned 'till next day 10 °Clock.

[Petition of Davis and Others.] C. S. C.

Annapolis March 13th 1777

The humble petition of Jesse Davis, Boaz Walston, Daniel Fookes, John Parsons, Jonathan Fookes, Daniel Melson, Samuel Williams and Jerman Bethard: To the Honourable

C. S. C. the Council of Safety. Humbly sheweth: That your poor petitioners hath been ever since the seventeenth day of last mon[t] February, confined in the main Guard House, in the City of Annapolis, and that upon suspicion of being enemies to their Country, and upon an examination before the Council of Safety, there was nothing found against us only that we were found among the number of those that was deemed Enemies to their country. Therefore most Honourable Gentlemen, as we ever have hitherto obtained the cause, and is still willing to maintain it, and to affirm the reverse of some ill prejudiced persons (as the Honorable house has been pleased to pass an act for the releasement of all those that is willing to take the oath of Allegiance) We are willing to comply with the Honourable House's rules, and take the oath of allegiance, in due obedience thereto, and shew that we are more for liberty than slavery. Therefore, most Honourable and considerate Gentlemen, as we have one and all of us families, and has not any one of us, any one to manage or conduct or do for us, things of course must most Honourable Gentlemen, be in a most distressing condition: Therefore most honourable and considerate Gentlemen, hopes, therefrom that you will take the above matter into your Honours most serious considerations, and weigh matters most deliberately, and grant us a releasement from our present exigencies as we never have been prejudicial to the present state of affairs. Your granting us, most Honourable Gentlemen, an answer, in favour of the foregoing, your poor Petitioners shall ever be in duty bound to pray: Signed by the whole of the Petitioners: So God bless the Congress and direct our General.

To the Hon[ble] the Council of Safety of M[d]

[Thomas Smyth to Jenifer.]

Chester Town March the 13th 1777

Sir, I received your fav[r] of the 28th Feb[y] by Capt[n] Coursey two days ago desiring me to purchase a Qty of Rigging & sail duck for the state which you had been informed were arrived here. I should have readily complied with your desire had there been any at this place for sale. The brig you were informed arrived here from Philadelphia came from Hamburgh & Madeira but she brought no rigging for sale and a few bales of Ravens Duck which was only fit for tents & small sails this was sent to Philadelphia after lying here 6 weeks and would not sell. We have an account here that Cap[t] Dashiel is arrived with a Qty of sail & duck in some

harbour on this shore, if this be true, you no doubt have had Intelligence thereof before now as I understand. C. S. C.

Messrs Jenifer & Hooe are interested in the Cargo:

I am Sir

With much esteem Your most Hble. Servt

Thos Smyth.

To the Honble Daniel of St Thomas Jenifer.

Friday, March 14th 1777. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Rachael Hammond Seven pounds for making Shirts.

Copy of Letter No 183 was sent to Mr Hugh Walker and Copy of No 184 was sent Willing & Morris and Compy

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to James May One hundred pounds on Acct of Gun Contract.

Copy of Letter No 185 was sent to William McCreary and Copy of No 186 was sent to Jesse Hollingsworth.

Ordered That Subpa issue for Hugh Young William Neal, William McCreary & Benjamin Jones of Baltimore County to attend Council of Safety, on Monday next.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to William Worth one hundred and forty four pounds thirteen Shillings and five pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Wilkins Three hundred pounds (on Acct of Fortifications)

That the said Treasurer pay to Cravath and Dugan Two hundred and fifty pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Lux one hundred and fifty Pounds.

Adjourned till next day 10 °Clock.

[Council to Hugh Walker.] C. S. C. No. 183.

Sir. March 14th 1777

We are obliged by your favour of the 4th informing us of Capt. Fords arrival. By his bill of lading the goods are to be delivered at Annapolis or Baltimore Town. But we shall send for them and deduct the charge out of the freight.

Mr. Hugh Walker

Urban Virga

[Council to Willing and Morris.] No. 184.

Gentlemen. March 15th 1777

If you have not shipped the goods mentioned in your letter of the 21st ult. to Messrs. Bingham & Harrison you need not

C. S. C. do it, but if bills can be purchased even at the loss of 25 pr ct. we should be glad that you would make the remittance. Pray inform us when you expect it will be in your power to comply with your contract with this State We are &c

Messrs. Welling & Morris

No. 185. [Council to W. McCreary.]

Sir. March 15th 1777

Your attendance at the Council Board is desired on Monday next with any papers you may have relative to the goods you shipped from Bordeaux and Rotterdam on account of this State.

Mr William McCreary. We are &c.

No. 186. [Council to Jesse Hollingsworth.]

Sir. March 14th 1777

You are (with all dispatch) to get the Ship Lidia ready to proceed up Potomack to Nanjemoy to the address of Col. Hooe who has the chief of her cargo ready. He will lodge orders with Colo Richard Harrison or Mr. Bayley who live at the Cove & to whom direct Capt Kelty to apply for them unless before he sails you receive from us or Mr Hooe other directions. You and the Captain will take care to have her fitted & provisioned at Baltimore Town so that nothing may be wanted for her in Potomack except her cargo. We are &c

Mr. Jessee Hollingsworth.

[Jesse Hollingsworth to Council.]

Baltimore March 14th 1777.

Sirs. I have it in my power to purchase about 80 or 100 hhd of tobacco at this place, Inspected and ready for shiping some from Patuxent, some from Potomac, and some from Elk Ridge it is intended for a cargo but I can purchase it for 35s pr hundred I should recommend the taking of this in here as it is ready on the spot and an emty ship ready to receive it with staves on board for stowing it and she must wait a few days for some small riging and the iron, but if the Mr Snowdens was to take the 50£ pr ton which I have offered them I would balance with Stone as the iron wont bring in france more than 16£ sterlings pr ton so that there will be a sartain loss on the iron of near half, the new England States have

ordered their vessels that is loading here with tobacco for France to Ballas with Stone owing to the high price of iron we have rec^d our directions this day on that account. Mr Snowden would not sell till Tuesday till he sees his brother when I am to have his answer about the iron I saw one of the brothers. Capt Kilty waits your answer and my directions about this matter. Mr Omensetter says one Mr Payton of Virginia took the goods before he got down, he has wrote you about it. from your humble servant C. S. C.

Jesse Hollingsworth

To the Honble The Council of Safety of M^d

[Smallwood to Jenifer.] Original.

Sir. Snow Hill March 14th 1777.

I have waited sometime in expectation of receiving an Answer to my Lt^r of the 3^d Ins^t and of being favor'd with the commands of the general Assembly respecting any further Operations or Measures which might be thought expedient to be adopted, the better to Protect the Whigs, and secure the Tories of these two Counties; for I am better satisfied than when I wrote before, that the Proclamation will not have the desired Effect, nor indeed wou'd any measures avail here, unless Similar shou'd be adopted in the Delaware State, such is their Confidence in each other, from their communication, and Vicinity, and from their particular situation and Intercourse with the British Navy, that unless this Intercourse, and the Principle and Spirit of Disaffection can generally be removed, the purpose by an Attempt in any particular Part will not I doubt be effected. I am daily discovering Persons who are not only more disaffected, but whose conduct has been more Criminal & from their Influence have injured the comōn cause much beyond what has been in the power of many of the Excepted Persons; yet I've the strongest assurances that such without altering their Principles will avail themselves of the Benefit of the Proclamation, & will view it in no other light than as a compulsory Act (which some already have insinuated) whilst others more conscientious, cannot renounce their *beloved King*, and therefore several already have absolutely refused to take the oath of Allegiance to this State. What have you to expect from those who have cut down Liberty Poles, and in direct opposition thereto, have erected the Kings Standard, & in an avowed manner drank his Health and Success, & destruction to Congress and Conventions, of those who have advised and actually signed General Howe's Proclamation of Militia Officers who have embodied with & headed the Insurgents, Of Persons under

C. S. C. Bonds, Security to the State, & forfeited the Penalty by comission of most of the within mentioned crimes. Of such who have supplied the Kings Ships with Provision, and kept up a constant intercourse with them, of those who knowingly aided, and convey'd the Public Prisoners on Board, of those enrolling in the Kings Service, during the War under Callolo, of those advising the Soldiers of this State, & the Continent, to desert, & not only harboring, but supplying them with Arms to defend themselves against being taken. And lastly what can be expected from the Inhabitants of a Place which becomes the Reception of Deserters, escaping Prisoners, and most of the Disaffected who have been expelled the neighbouring States. These Facts being unquestionably proved, & in many Instances admitted, wou'd not had to demonstrate that Religion was the original cause of those Events, yet this is urged as the Principal motive in every Instance, tho there are some Exceptions wherein Ignorant men from their Religious Attachments have been deluded (those are readily distinguished & to be pitied) yet by far the greater number conceal their true motives, & make Religion a Cloak for their nefarious Designs; and you may relye on it, there are few circles of the like Extent in New York or the Jersey States, which abound more in Disaffected People. I have been flatter'd that it will be in my Power to collect 1500 Blankets in those two Counties, for which purpose have appointed proper Persons to receive & pay for them, & to facilitate this & other Purposes, have required the Militia Reg^{ts} to meet on different Days at their usual Places of Rendezvous, to be reviewed, bringing what Blankets can be spared, this will afford a better opportunity of making such discoveries as may be necessary, respecting their Numbers & Sentiments, the State of their Arms & Discipline, and may probably pick up some Recruits, which was a great Inducement for this Order, but am afraid my design in this last Instance will in some measure be frustrated, by the conduct of some Gentlemen of the Baltimore Comp^{y}, who in general behaved well 'till they were discharged, after which if they have not disobeyed Orders they have descended to a degree of Petulance which in this Instance as Gentlemen and well wishers to their Country they ought to have held themselves above whilst under my command as Gentlemen I made it my particular Duty to treat with Politeness and gave them every Indulgence & from a consideration of their respective circumstances & situation in Trade & to oblige discharged them the 10th Ins^{t} before it was consistent with my Duty, or the Exigency of the States, at the same Time informing Capt Sterett, and others of his Comp^{y}, that

as the Militia Reg^{ts} were to meet, I shou'd keep their Fifer & Drummer, who wou'd contribute much (by the musick) in procuring Recruits, & promoting that Service, which he not only very politely agreed to, but order'd the Fifer and Drummer to continue, the Drummer then applied to me to go to Baltimore, which I expressly refused, urging the Reason of his being detained, & that as soon as the musters were over, he shou'd be discharged, however they went down to the Companys Boat, about seven miles below Princess Ann. I then ordered Lt Campbell who was also going in this Boat, to take with him a File of men well armed to take the Drummer and Fifer, & send them back to me under this guard, which from the Inclosed Lt^{r} of Capt Steretts you'll observe he was prevented by some of the Company from doing. I shou'd not have taken up your Attention with this Circumstance, but to point out that I am sorry your Independants had not a stronger sense of their Duty, both as Soldiers, & as Gentlemen well affected to the general Good, and to acquaint you that unless proper Notice is taken of it, I shall decline in future the command of your Independants as Militia, unless under better Regulations, I wish Campbell may have acquitted himself on this occasion becoming a regular Officer. I have wrote to Capt Starett for the names of those who refused to let him comply with his orders. C. S. C.

No Persons as yet have brought in their Arms, or claimed the Benefit of the Proclamation, except such who have been under examination, & some of those have refused swearing Allegiance to this State; nor do I think they will generally come in 'till towards the last Day. I shall not presume to judge, or draw conclusions, but I am often shocked and concerned for the manner in which this class of men conduct themselves under Oath, & I sincerely wish it may not be productive of many Perjuries. the excepted Persons are still under Guard, Callelo & Moore not yet taken. 15 Deserters some Gunby's but mostly of Longs company, & two of Flemings Virginia Reg^{t} have been taken, and I have now Detatchments out after near 30 more who have deserted from the Navy and Army, and are Sculking among these People. Capt Shockby an officer of Spirit, & one who on this occasion has rendered many Services, being the other night in quest of Deserters, was fired on & rec^{d} one drop Shott in his Leg and his Horse was wounded with seven, but the Party being in the Woods & it being dark, escaped upon our Men's returning the fire. inclosed is 26 Copies of Depositions & have taken upwards of 100 which shall hereafter be transmitted.

with Respect I have the Honor to be
Your very Obedient H^{ble} Servt
W. Smallwood Brig^{r} General

C. S. J.

Saturday March 15th 1777.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Ashmead Thirty three Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Middleton One Hundred pounds for the Recruiting Service.

Recruiting Warrant Issued to William Middleton for the Marine Service.

Adjourned till Monday 10 °Clock.

C. S. C.

[Thos. Smyth to Jenifer.]

Chester Town March 15th 1777.

Sir. Captain Coursey being disappointed in getting the Cordage he expected was to be sold here waits on the Council for what is necessary to secure the Chester Galley when launded, which must be done in a few days or she will suffer much. I have a middle sized muring anchor which I would sell to the Council if Captn Coursey thinks it will be suitable for the Galley and a piece of pretty good cable tho' very short which I would also sell if it is wanting it is only long enough for muring. The Council will be pleased to give Capt Coursey orders on me for whatever provisions they would have me deliver to him of those purchased for the use of the state. I shall readily give him every Assistance in my power in forwarding the fitting out the Galley and am with much esteem.

Sr your most obedt Servt

Thos Smyth.

To the Honble Daniel of St Tho Jenifer.

[George Cook to Jenifer.]

Annapolis March 16th 1777

Dear Sir, Just as setting off for Baltimore Capt Patterson informed me, had he a recruiting warrant, he would be able to pick up a good many men, your kind indulgence in given him a warrant to recrute for the Defence, or any others that may be able to get men in the service of this state, will lay me under the greatest obligations, and is

Dear Sir, Your most obedient Huml Servt

George Cook

To the Hon Dan of St Thos Jenifer.

Original.

[Smallwood to Jenifer.]

Snow Hill, March 16 1777

Sir: I was just despatching a Pacquet to you as the Express arriv'd with yours of the 11th inst, which I now send by him,

and in Answer to yours be assur'd whatever Doubts I have Reason to entertain to the contrary, my utmost Endeavours shall be exerted to have this Post in such a Situation as may ensure Peace and Quietnes in Future, which I trust will be the case, should the Intercourse with the British Navy be broke, and no British Troops get foothold here. Little further Testimony has appear'd against the excepted persons, but I should judge that which gave Rise to the Exception, being extended against them must be conclusive. We have nearly finish'd taking Depositions, after which the Excepted Persons shall be sent up, but our Force is really too small to admit of more Drafts or Detachments. Five of the Annapolis Artillery, added to those mentioned in my Last, are Hand-cuff'd and under Guard for Desertion and House breaking, which leads me to suppose, as they value themselves (and refuse Duty) upon being stiled *your* Troops, that you have been bad Disciplinarians. The men have really been used too well, and done too little Duty; they have become licentious. I have more Trouble with this Handful than I formerly had with my late Reg^t and the Independent Companies. The Proclamation was publish'd before I wrote on the 3^d Inst., it was only withheld a few days till the excepted Persons could be taken. The arms of all shall be secured immediately. Should any of the crimes mentioned in mine of the 14 Inst. appear to you to preclude the Perpetrators from the benefit of the Proclamation, you'll please signify it; also direct what's to be done with Persons refusing to take the Oath of Allegiance to the State; with persons who persuade, countenance, and harbour Soldiers under Desertion; with Mr. Bacon, who from the Depositions you'll observe was active in advising the signing Genl Howe's Proclamation, and refuses to take the oath, &c.; with persons who upon Examination appear to have misled and corrupted the minds of ignorant People; and lastly direct what you will have done generally with all such who within the Limitation do not comply with the terms of the Proclamation, particularly in not taking the oath, and delivering up their arms, a number of which I think are and will be secreted. I remain &c. &c. C. S. C.

The Honble Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer Y^rs
Pres^t of the Council of Safety. W. Smallwood, B^r Genl

Monday March 17. 1777. C. S. J.

Council met. Present as on Saturday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to George Gordon four Pounds for a Gun.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Howard twenty dollars for 1 Months Pay.

C. S. J. Copy of Letter N° 187 was sent to Jesse Hollingsworth

Commission Issued to Richard Johns appointed Captain of a Privateer called the Swallow mounting 10 Carriage Guns and navigated by 45 men.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Peter Adams Seven Pounds Seven Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to John M^c^Fadon two hundred and Seventy three Pounds fourteen Shillings and Six pence half penny.

Copy of Letter N° 188 was sent to Archibald Buchanan

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Mrs Mary Johnson five pounds twelve Shillings.

Adjourned till next day 10 °Clock.

C. S. C. No. 187.

[Council to Jesse Hollingsworth.]

Sir. March 15th 1777

We communicated to you our intention to send the Lydia round to Potomack to load but as she will want some ballast, we think right to advise you to purchase about sixty or eighty Hhds Tobacco for that purpose, giving thirty five shillings for Elk Ridge and thirty for Patuxent or Potomack Tobacco. This you will put in and dispatch the ship off as soon as possible. We are &c.

Mr. Jesse Hollingsworth.

No. 188.

[Council to A. Buchanan.]

Sir. March 17th 1777

Messrs. Vanbibber & Harrison of Martinique shipped on account of this State sundry merchandize on board the sloop Liberty Capt Jones consigned to the Council of Safety of this State. We ordered him to Annapolis to give an account what he had done with the goods. Mr Neale informs us that Capt Jones left Baltimore Town some days ago and that you either or own, or are concerned in the Vessell. Be pleased to let us know where the goods are and when they will be delivered agreeable to the Bill of lading, a copy of which you have inclosed

Mr Archibald Buchanan.

C. S. J.

Tuesday, March 18th 1777.

Council met. Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captain Henry Sheaff Eleven pounds, Eight Shillings and four Pence

Copy of Letter N° 189 was sent to Thomas Smith, Esq.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Jenifer and Hooe seven hundred and seventeen pounds three Shillings & seven pence. C. S. J.

Recruiting Warrant issued to Osborn Williams of Prince Georges County for the Continental Service.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Elizabeth Drone four Pounds fourteen Shillings.

Copy of Letter N° 190 was sent to Hugh Young.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to the Clerk fifty Pounds for Expresses.

That the said Treasurer pay to Turbott Wright Esq. Thirty five pounds for Attendance in Council of Safety to this Day.

Adjourned till Thursday 10 °Clock.

[Council to Thomas Smyth.] C. S. C. No. 189.

March 17, 1777

Sir. The Anchor and cable you mention we will take. You will let Capt Coursey have such provision as he may want from time to time we shall be obliged to assist him in forwarding the Galley all in your power

Thomas Smyth Esquire.

[Council to Hugh Young.] No. 190.

March 19th 1777

Sir. The goods that belong to this State shipped by Mr Harrison on board the Liberty Capt Jones and Landed in Virginia we request you would order to Annapolis the Packages are marked as below. But should any of them belong to M^r McCreary and yourself we desire to have the offer of them especially cloathing for Soldiers before they are sold.

We are &^c

M N° 1, 2 2 Barrs.
MC N° 1 @ 12 4 Hhds & 8 Bales

[Memorial of John McFadon.]

To the Honble the Council of Safety of the State of Maryland.

The memorial of John McFadon of Baltimore Town Humbly sheweth, That your memorialist has during the winter season been here every two weeks with woolens to your honours, owing to his small stock of cash in hand, & only charged at the rate of 2^s p C^t for transacting the business. Your memorialist therefore requests that your Honours will please

C. S. C. to supply him with a sum of money to enable him to purchase a larger quantity of goods at a time, & prevent him the trouble & expence of coming here so often, and likewise that your honours will please to allow him a higher Commission for transacting the said business, if to you it shall seem meet:

Annapolis March 18th 1777.

[J. A. Thomas to Council.]

Mouth of Patuxent 18th March 1777.

Gentmn I had the honour of yours of the 12th instant to day, In which you notice the several matters which I had taken the freedom to recommend to you. I mentioned to you the difficulty I was under in getting a horse for any purpose here, indeed I have been obliged to make use of my own in all cases except in expresses to Annapolis, but as neither that nor any other of the matters I have proposed appear to meet with your approbation, I shall be perfectly satisfied and as occasions offer will hire expresses (if I can). You mention, that you had signified to the Committee that the troops under my command should be stationed at Leonard Town, and suppose that they had communicated to me your resolution, whether they ever received your resolution I know not, but if they did I never heard of it. If I had, it would have saved me and the men much fatigue & trouble, for on the alarms on the 5th instant I marched them down to the mouth of Patuxent, and last Thursday on receiving Intelligence that the enemy were about to land at point look out I marched them down there. If it is your intention (and from the letter I apprehend it is) that I must defend that place I shall be extremely happy in having your positive instructions on the point for if the Country is invaded, or an invasion is apprehended, I shall be under great difficulties to excuse myself to the County or the public in General for keeping my station without such orders, and as I have always wished to move within the line of my duty, and as no power is over me but the Council of Safety I request that you will give me such directions as will hereafter justify me to the world for any seeming inattention you will be pleased to observe that Leonard Town lies near twenty miles from the mouth of Patuxent, and thirty six from Point Look out, so that if any attempt is made to land at either of these places, I can be of no use, if stationed at Leonard Town. And I am positive that tis the opinion of every Gentmn in the County that the troops should be stationed at or near the mouth of Patuxent and Potomack but be that as it may, as soon as I am informed of your determinations whatever they

are, they shall be punctually obeyed. I mentioned to you the c. s. c.
money that was then necessary for me to have, and would have then sent you my account, but as I had been joined by the other officers, but a day or two before we marched to Patuxent it was not then in my power. However I informed you that clothes and blankets were provided that besides one months advance, three weeks subsistance money had been paid to most of the men, if the whole was put together you would easily see that a considerable sum more than I had received was necessary, I have long ago advanced all the money I received from you and all of my own that I could scrape together a particular account of which I will transmit as soon as Mr Stewart returns, but since then I have been maintaining fifty men on Patuxent and Potomack and in consequence have been obliged to stake my credit for their subsistance. I have purchased one hogshead of rum and one of molasses & some vinegar with an Intention of supplying the men with their rations, an account of which I shall also transmit you are so obliging as to tell me you have sent me some money tho' not enough for my wants, I wish I knew by whom you sent it and how much for if the sum is not very small It would not at any time be more acceptable. The men are in the greatest want of their breeches & hats, and I hope twill not be long 'eer we are supplyed with them as also our arms & ammunition I have fifty men stationed at Mrs Carrolls at the particular instance of the Gent^n^ of the County, the rest not haveing any kind of arms are at Leonard Town where I shall keep them until I hear farther from you, which I hope will be by the return of the Calvert County Post, by whom I shall quickly receive any dispatches I may be honoured with:

I am Gent^n^ y^r^ most obd^t^
Humble Servant, J. A. Thomas

To the Honble the Council of Safety of M^d^

[Dr. Michael Wallace to Council.]

Gentlemen: Inclosed is my List of Medicines, which am disposed to ren^d^ to you at 150 ꝑ C^t^ which is the usual advance, on this kind of merchandize. A very few of the articles are high charged, but this was unavoidable as necessity obliged me some time since to buy them here: I have also a very elegant set of amputating Instruments, and some other surgical apparatus; these I would rather not sell, unless the Council of Safety may hereafter find great difficulty in procuring such articles. I am Gentlemen, Your most obed^t^

Hble Servt Michael Wallace.

To the Honble The Council of Safety of M^d^

C. S. C. [W. H. Jenifer to Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer.]

Dear Sir. This will be delivered you by Mr Wm Marshall, a young Gent who has served an apprenticeship of three years with me. His ardor for the service (rather than not go into the Army) has induced him to accept of an Ensigncy offered by Col Stone, but as he has applied himself to the Study of Medicine and by which he proposes in future to live, I should be happy if he could get a surgeon-mate-ship I can assure you of his being assiduous, and well qualified to fill that department: The repeated troubles I am giving you makes me blush, & am always hopefull that every one will be the last, but in this instance gratitude for his fidelity and attachment to me, demanded every assistance in my power, and will always lay me under an obligation of interesting myself in his welfare. My Nancy joins me in duty,

And am Hond Sir, Your affece nephew

Porto 18th March 1777. W. H. Jenifer.

To the Honble D. T. Jenifer Esqr

C. S. J. Thursday, March 20th 1777

Council met.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Kean fourteen Pounds twelve Shillings and Six pence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Brice T. B. Worthington Thirty Pounds Sixteen Shillings for his Attendance in Council of Safety to this day

That the said Treasurer pay to John Hall for Attendance in Council of Safety from 12 Novr to 4 Febry 78 Days fifty four Pounds twelve Shillings.

That the said Treasurer pay to Danl of St Thos Jenifer Fifty Pounds eight Shillings for 72 Days Attendance in Council of Safety

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo Plater Thirty One Pounds ten Shillings for 45 Days Attendance pr Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Contee Nine Pounds two Shillings for 13 Days Attendance

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to William Tuck Three Pounds ten Shillings for 7 Days Attendance as Dorekeeper.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Johnson Seven Pounds fourteen Shillings for 11 Days Attendance as Assistant Clk to the Council of Safety.

Thus end the proceedings of the Council of Safety.

Test, R. Ridgely Cl: C. S:

JOURNAL AND CORRESPONDENCE

OF THE

COUNCIL OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

MARCH 20—NOVEMBER 8.

1777.

At a meeting of the Council of the State of Maryland, at the City of Annapolis, on Thursday the twentieth Day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand, seven hundred and seventy seven Lib. C. B.

Were present
His Excellency Thomas Johnson Esquire Governor
and
The Honble Josiah Polk, John Rogers & Edwd Lloyd } Esquires, Councellors

They having been first duly qualified in the Senate Room in Presence of both Houses of the General Assembly

March 22^d 1777.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Stephen Steward two thousand pounds, on Account.

Ordered, That the said Treasurer pay to Captain Samuel Godman one hundred pounds, on Account.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores at Baltimore Town deliver to Captn Godman twenty five Musquets, Bayonets, Slings, Priming Wires and Brushes, and seventy two Knap with Havresacks.

[Council to Robt. Smith.] Lib. C. C.

Sir. In Council March 22^d 1777.

It being necessary for conducting the Public Business, that the Governor and Council should be possessed of the Great Seal of Maryland which, they are informed, is in your Hands; you are requested to deliver it, together with the Vice, to Mr Ridgely, who waits upon you for that Purpose.

We are Sir &c.

To Mr Robert Smith.

[Daniel Roberdeau to Gov. Johnson.] Original.

To Governor Johnson

Your Excellency's zeal and activity in the cause of these United States gives us confidence in addressing you upon a critical Emergency.

Lib. C. C. Being a Committee of Congress appointed to confer with Major General Greene now in this city, we find it is General Washington's settled opinion that Gen[l] Howe may suddenly attempt to gain this Capital. We wish that the new Levies in your State may be forwarded with the utmost expedition possible, so that they may either join our troops already in the Jersies, or at least be at hand to arrest the enemy at the Delaware, in the supposed attempt to pass it.

Our address to you in a plain narrative and wish is all which your character makes necessary even on this singularly critical occasion.

In the Name of the Committee

I am, with Esteem, your Excellency's Friend & humb. Serv[t]

Philad[a] March 22[d] 1777 Daniel Roberdeau

Lib. C. B. March 25th 1777

Ordered That the commissary of Stores at Annapolis deliver to Col[o] Tho[s] Price, for the use of the second Regiment, fifty stand of Arms and Accoutrements.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Col[o] Thomas Price two thousand, two hundred pounds, on Acc[t]

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Col[o] John Hoskins Stone two thousand, two hundred pounds, on Account.

Ordered, That the Treasurer aforesaid pay to Lieut[t] Col[o] Samuel Smith, for the use of Col[o] Hall's Regiment, fifteen hundred Pounds, on Account.

Ordered, That the Treasurer aforesaid pay to Rachel Parker two Pounds, ten shillings, for Amount of her Account.

Ordered, That the Treasurer aforesaid pay to Thomas Long nine Pounds, two shillings, and eleven Pence, for Am[t] of his Acc[t]

That the said Treasurer pay to Martin Harriss, sixteen Pounds, ten shillings, for Am[t] of his Acc[t]

Richard Ridgely was appointed Clerk to the Council, and qualified by taking the Oath of Fidelity to the State, and subscribing a declaration of his Belief in the Christian Religion, and also the following oath of Office, to wit, "I Richard Ridgely do swear, that as Clerk to the Council, I will true entries make of all such matters, and Things, as by the Governor, or President for the Time being, and that Board, shall be to me directed. That I will not disclose any matter or Thing, directed by the Council to be kept secret, but will in all Things, as Clerk to the said Council, well and truly demean myself, according to the best of my knowledge. So help me God

[Council to Jesse Hollingsworth.] Lib. C. C. 2

In Council March 25th 1777.

Sir.

If the Bread you mention in your Letter of the 20th Inst is likely to spoil soon, the Council recommend it to you to sell for 12/6 ꝑ Ct the Price you have been offered, but if the Bread is likely to keep good, they would not have you sell, unless you get at least 15/; if you do not sell, there's Room enough here to store a Part of it, and you are desired to send down from Time to Time, as good Opportunities may offer, a Thousand or twelve Hundred Barrels. We are &ca

Mr Jesse Hollingsworth.

March 26th 1777 C. B.

Ordered, That Gerard Hopkins Commissary at Baltimore Town send immediately to Annapolis, one Barrel of Gun Locks. That he also make out a general Account of all the public Stores in the Magazine, and of what has been delivered out, and received since the Passage of his last Account, and that he transmit the same to the Council, as soon as possible.

Ordered, that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Ezekiel Towson sixty two pounds, three Shillings, and nine pence for Amt of his Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Josias Shaw five pounds, for Amt of his Acct

Doctor Richard Tooth is desired to deliver to the Honorable Thomas Stone Esquire, or his order, one pound of Jallop for the use of some People, who are under Innoculation in Charles County, he paying a reasonable Price for it, or undertaking to return the like Quantity

Thomas Sim Lee Esquire, Colonel of the lower Battalion of Militia in Prince George's County, resigned his Commission, which was accepted of by the Council.

The Council proceeded to the choice of a member in the Room of Charles Carroll Senior Esquire, who resigned and the Honorable Thomas Sim Lee Esquire was elected, who appearing was qualified by taking the Oaths, and subscribing the Declaration directed by the Form of Government, and taking the Oath prescribed by the General Assembly.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Bullen Quarter Master, one hundred pounds, on Acct

Levin Evans of Somerset County, who was seized by James Campbell on the Lower Islands of this State within the forty days allowed by the Proclamation issued by the General Assembly, prayed his release, and that he might be permitted

C. B. to take the oath of fidelity to this State, and the said Levin Evans alleges that he was seized by mistake instead of one Richard Evans. Wherefore the Governor and Council being of opinion that if there's as well founded charge against the said Levin Evans of any of the Crimes, or offences mentioned in the said Proclamation, he is yet at least equitably entitled to the Benefit thereof, performing the Conditions therein expressed, except in the circumstances of Time, which he could not do, because of his Confinement; he is discharged, that he may, if he will elect to have the Benefit of the said Proclamation.

The said Levin Evans, after his being discharged as aforesaid voluntarily took the said oath of Fidelity before the Governor and Council.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to William Nevin and Company one hundred and Seventeen pounds, ten shillings and three Pence for Am^t of their Acc^t

C. C. Original.

[Galbraith to Council.]

Honble. Gentlemen

I think it my duty to inform You of the part I took in endeavouring to suppress the tumult which Yesterday happened in Baltimore Town. On being applied to by Miss Goddard to protect her Brother against a Mob, after advising Miss Goddard to apply to the Chairman of the Committee, I sent a Corporal to Capt. Nathaniel Smith to request He with his men would join me to disperse the Mob. Capt. Smith in person came to me, saying I might have a party of his Men, but that he would not command them or order them on any Account to Fire upon such a Body of Men. I replied that if the Committee ordered (and they would not otherwise disperse) I would command my Men to Fire, and should think it my Duty to do so. But being allowed so few Men to Guard the Magazine and Laboratory, I could not (thus circumstanced) assist Mr. Goddard, who was forcibly haled out of his own House and taken down the street to Mr. Rusk's Tavern.

I am, Honble. Gentlemen, with due Respect,
Your obed^t hble. Servt
26th March, 1777 Wm. Galbraith

P. S. I had wrote before with the above purport but that Letter and the Copy are both lost.

C. B.

March 27th 1777

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Mrs Howard, three pounds, seven Shillings, and six pence for Shirt-making ꝑ Acc^t

That the said Treasurer pay to John Yost two hundred pounds, in advance on his Contract for arms. C. B.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mrs Anne Sands three pounds, twelve shillings, and six pence, for making shirts ꝑ Rect

William Pigot, a midshipman belonging to the Galatea Frigate, and taken Prisoner by Captain Campbell of the Enterprize Schooner of War is hereby committed to the common Goal of Baltimore County, as a Prisoner of War, by order of the Governor & Council.

To the Keeper of the public Goal of Baltimore County.

[Council to C. Lowndes.] C. C. 3

In Council March 27th 1777.

Sir.

As your Letter of the 25th Inst to Mr Hall concerned Public Matter, now within the Province of this Board, he laid it before us. We are much concerned that there should be so little prospect of your being supplied with Hemp, as the Service is now suffering for Want of Cordage; we hope you will still continue your Endeavours to provide it on Contract, and if they fail, that the Regulation of Prices now under Consideration may relieve us from the present Difficulties.

Christopher Lowndes Esqr We are Sir &ca

[Council to Hugh Walker.]

In Council Annapolis March 27th 1777.

Sir.

We have your Favour of the 4th Inst to Mr Jenifer, now before us, and have sent Capt Berry with this, who will, if you think proper, bring the Goods imported for this State, in the Betsey Capt Ford, which were left in your Care. We are sorry that Capt Ford did not, agreeable to his Bill of Lading, deliver these Goods at Annapolis or Baltimore, the Freight would have been immediately settled with Justice, and it shall be done on the Arrival of the Goods here, if Capt Ford will impower any Person with whom it may be done. If you chuse the Goods should come in the Betsey, who shall be content to run the Risk of them, as we are, if they are sent by Capt Berry. We are &c.

Mr Hugh Walker Mercht
Urbanna.

C. B.

March 28th 1777.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Green, six Pounds, six shillings, and nine pence, for Amt of his Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Cummings one thousand pounds, on Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to John Butler Qr Master one hundred and fifty Pounds, on Acct

Charles Carroll of Carrollton Esqr from the Senate delivers to the Governor and Council, the memorial of the Reverend Mr John Bowie, praying that the General Assembly would resume the Consideration of his Case, thus indorsed. "By the House of Delegates March 28th 1777, read and referred to the Governor and Council, to determine whether the said Bowie be committed, bailed, or discharged, and that they have full power to commit, bail, or discharge in their discretion, G: Duvall Cl H. D. By the Senate, March 28, 1777. Read and referred to the Governor and Council for the purposes aforesaid By order R. Ridgely A. S." which was ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of Daniel Melson praying a Discharge from his Confinement was read, and rejected, the Council of Safety having reported to the General Assembly that the Offence, with which he stands charged is not bailable by Law.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Messrs Archer & Harriss, nine pounds, and three pence, it being the Balance on Contract for Linen ꝑ Acct

On reading the Memorial of the Revd Mr John Bowie, it was ordred, that the Officer of the Guard, who has charge of the Revd Mr John Bowie immediately attend the Governor and Council with the said Bowie in Custody.

March 29th 1777.

On considering the memorial of the Reverend John Bowie this Board is of opinion that he is bailable, but from the Evidence against him, and the State of the neighbourhood in which he lives, the Board are of Opinion that it is proper he should not continue to reside in Worcester County, or the neighbourhood thereof, and at the same Time this Board think it reasonable that he should be allowed a short Time, to adjust his Affairs, and remove his Family; It is therefore ordered that the said Mr Bowie be discharged from Custody, giving Bond to this State in the Penalty of two thousand Pounds Current money with good and sufficient security to be approved of by this Board conditioned that if he shall make his personal Appearance before the Governor and Council for

the Time being at Annapolis on Monday the twentieth Day of April next, or if required at any other place within this State, and at any other Time before that Day on four Day's notice in writing being left at his Dwelling House of such requisition and shall abide by the further order of the Governor and Council for the Time being, and shall in the mean Time be of good Behaviour then the Obligation to be void. Bond was given accordingly, and Mr Bowie discharged. C. B.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Captn John Keltie for the use of the ship Lydia one Bolt of Canvass

That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captain John Keltie fifty Pounds, on Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to James Taylor twenty seven pounds, eleven shillings, for Amt of his Acct

The memorial of Doctr John Hart, praying a speedy Hearing, was delivered to the Governor and Council by Charles Carroll of Carrollton Esquire, thus indorsed "By the House of Delegates March 29th 1777 Read and referred to the Governor and Council with full Power to take such order therein as they may think proper. By order G: Duvall Cl. H. D. By the Senate March 29th 1777. Read and referred to the Governor and Council with full Power as above. By order R Ridgely Cl. S. which was ordered to lie on the Table.

[Council to Col. Richardson.] C. C. 5

In Council Annapolis March 29th 1777.

Sir.

General Smallwood came to Town about the Time of the Receipt of your Letter, and has been consulted on the Contents of it, he with us is of Opinion, that it is most adviseable to have the Men inoculated; a Bill is preparing and expected every Hour to pass, to collect Blankets, so that we have no Doubt of your soon being furnished with that Article, and advise you to have a House and other Necessaries got ready as soon as may be. Our Commissary informs us we have but seven Vessels for cooking left in the Store, and we have almost a daily Demand, so that we cannot furnish you. We see by the Papers, and private Letters confirm the Arrival of 9 to 11000 Arms in Philadelphia. Genl Smallwood will send up to secure Part of them for the Troops from this State; It is our Wish, and you know how necessary to keep as many of our own as we can; we have delivered out as fast as we could procure Arms, but expect now they may be returned; however we inclose you an Order on Mr Winters for 200, which may be useful in training the Men, and which we expect, will be returned to him again, relying on your best Care of

C. C. them. Gen[l] Smallwood's Application will be for Cloathing, as well as Arms, and we hope it is in the Power of Congress to comply with it. We have lately received a very pressing Letter to forward the Troops, and expect, as soon as Blankets are got, those who have had the Small Pox, will march.

Col[o] William Richardson — We are &c[a]

Just as we had finished our Letter, we received a Resolution of the Gen[l] Assembly, of which the inclosed is a Copy; we approve of your Intention of drawing the Recruits of your Battalion to Chester, and you are to proceed in Innoculating them at such Places, as you can reasonably agree for, endeavouring to get such situations, as the Infection may be spread as little as possible.

Order for 200 Arms on M[r] Winters and Copy of the Resolution of the Gen[l] Assembly of this Day inclosed.

6 [Council to Colonels.]

In Council Annapolis March 29th 1777

Sir

Inclosed you have a Copy of a Resolution of the General Assembly. You are to collect the first Battalion at Annapolis and get such of the Men as have not had the Small Pox innoculated in the Neighbourhood of it as soon as possible.

To the different Colonels of the Maryland Troops — We are &c[a]

C. B. March 31st 1777

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Will[m] Sanders eleven pounds, nine shillings for Am[t] of his Acc[t]

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Colonel Thomas Price fifty stand of Arms and Accoutrements.

The Council, being impowered by the Constitution and Form of Government to make the Great Seal of this State, do make and declare the Great Seal of Maryland heretofore used the Great Seal of this State, and as such to be used in future, until a new one can be devised and executed, which cannot be done for immediate Service.

April 1st 1777.

Ordered, that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Doctor Andrew Francis Cheney seven pounds, five shillings and three pence for Am[t] of his Acc[t]

Commission of Letter of Marque and Reprisal granted to John Burnell Captain of the Schooner Privateer called The Montgomery mounting two Carriage Guns and six swivels, and navigated by twenty five men, belonging to Charles Wallace, and others of this State, he having given Bond with security. C. B.

Charles Graham Esquire from the Senate delivered to the Governor and Council, a Resolve of the General Assembly, empowering them to quarter the Soldiery in such houses, as they may think most proper, 'till the Legislature should make further Provision therein; in consequence thereof, it was ordered, That Mr John Bullen Quarter-Master in this City quarter such of the Troops of the first and second Regiments, as are now in the City in such of the Houses within the same, as are not occupied, in those in the first place, that are least valuable, and which from an Abuse of them, if it should happen, the least Expence would be brought on the public, and if he has reason to suspect Persons are placed in any Houses, as a Protection to prevent their falling within this Discription, he is to report it to this Board, and if sufficient vacant Houses within this Discription cannot be found to quarter the Troops of those two Battalions, the Quarter-Master is to apply for further Directions.

[Council to Jesse Hollingsworth.] C. C. 7

In Council Annapolis April 1st 1777

Sir.

Capt Kilty says that you and he thought it best, from the Difficulty of getting Men to carry the Lydia round, to have her Tobacco rafted. We think that you'd better get some of Capt. Martin's Hands and if you cannot get enough of them, some of Capt David's to assist in navigating the Ship to Alexandria, the Defence's Tender may go with or after the Ship, to carry the Men back to Baltimore; we suppose the Men will expect something for this Service and we desire that Capt Martin, and if necessary, Capt David will use their Influence with their People in getting them to assist Capt Kilty. If Martin's Men will agree to help load the Ship, it will be the better. We have not yet resolved what to do with the Friendship; from our Advices, it will be doing worse than nothing to send her with Bread and Flower. If you have an Opportunity to make a further Purchase of Tobacco, advise of the Terms. We are &ca

Mr Jesse Hollingsworth.

C. B. April 2d 1777.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Harrison three hundred and thirty eight Pounds, nine shillings, for Amt of his Acct

That Clearance be given to Benjamin Wickes Captain of the Brigantine called The Escape, belonging to John Maxwell Nesbit and Company of the State of Pennsylvania, to proceed from the Port of Annapolis to the Island of Hispaniola, he having lodged a manifest of his Cargo, taken the oath, and given security, according to the Resolution of the General Assembly of this State.

That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Colo Josiah Carvil Hall three hundred Dollars, on Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Chs W. Howard fifty pounds on Acct

Ordered, That Thomas Smyth Esquire of Chester Town be appointed to receive all the Blankets, which may be deposited at that place, Charles Wallace Howard all those, which shall be collected in Anne Arundel, Saint Marys, Calvert, Charles, Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties, and Gerard Hopkins, those, that shall be collected in the other Counties of the Western Shore of this State.

That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to William Galbraith one hundred, and fifty seven Pounds, seven shillings, and two pence for Amt of his Acct

C. C. Copy.

[Hancock to Gov. Johnson.]

Philadelphia Apl. 2, 1777

Sir. I have the pleasure to congratulate you on being appointed to fill the most honorable and distinguished station in the Gift of a free people to bestow. And having the utmost confidence that the affairs of the State now entrusted to your care, will meet with all the attention they require or deserve, it is with the highest satisfaction I address you on this important occasion.

You will perceive from the inclosed copy of a letter from General Washington that the Information it contains is of the most serious nature, and that our Enemies are meditating an Invasion of the State of Maryland. In this Situation of Affairs, I am earnestly to request you will take such measures as will have a Tendency to defeat their designs should any Attempts be made in consequence of this intelligence.

The inclosed Resolve of Congress respecting the removal of the public stores to the places therein mentioned, I am

to request you will pay the utmost Attention to and give C. C.
orders for removing the same as soon as possible

I have the Honor to be, with the greatest respect Sir,
Your most obed^t & very hble. Servt
John Hancock, Presid^t

The Honble. Thomas Johnson Esq.
Govr of the State of Maryland.

[Washington to Hancock?] Copy.

Head Qrs. Morris-town Mar. 31 1777

Sir: Captain Deshield of Mr. Buchanans ship from Baltimore who was taken by the Enemy and carried into York made his Escape from thence on Saturday Evening. He informs that three thousand troops British & Hessian embarked about ten days ago from the city of Staten-island on board Transports which were laying at the latter when he came away, he added that the Enemy have built and are building a number of light flat-bottomed boats almost seventy of which were finished. Capt. Deshield says it seemed to be the general opinion & conversation that this embarkation was for Chesapeak bay with a view of making a descent on the Eastern Shore, or that the troops were to proceed to the head of Elk, taking Annapolis & Baltimore in their way, there were some who thought it probable they were to go up the north river and attempt the Highland fortifications. I have written to general McDougal & Clinton desiring them to make the best preparation the circumstances will admit of for their reception, in case the latter should be their object.

Capt. Deshield being in Company with the Capt. of the Packet but unknown to him, heard him say that a war with France was much expected when he left England which was about the beginning of February.

I have the honour to be, with great respect
Sir, your most Obed^t Servt
G. Washington

April 3rd 1777. C. B.

The Petitions of Whittey Turpin, Angelo Atkinson, Levi Langford, Daniel Melson, Stoughton Maddox, and Josephus Beall, Insurgents from Somerset and Worcester Counties, praying to be discharged from their Confinement, were referred by the General Assembly to the Governor and Council, with full power to take such order therein, as they think proper.

C. B. Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Henry Ridgely one hundred and thirty two pounds, ten Shillings, for Am^{t} of his Acc^{t}

That the said Treasurer pay to Captn James Disney twenty eight Pounds, eighteen shillings, and nine Pence for Am^{t} of his Acc^{t}

That the said Treasurer pay to David Kerr thirty pounds, four shillings, and three pence, for Am^{t} of his Acc^{t}

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Eastman thirteen Pounds, three shillings, and nine Pence for Am^{t} of his Acc^{t}

That the said Treasurer pay to Clerk fifty Pounds, for Expresses, and other Purposes.

It being represented to this Board that Mr John Griffith, who was appointed by the Honorable Congress Director of the Hospital at Baltimore Town, declines to act, and that the Continental Troops, as well some of those raised in Virginia, as some of those raised in this State now under Inoculation there are not furnished with such Food, as is proper and necessary in their Circumstances, Mr James Calhoun is requested to employ a proper Person to purchase and furnish for the use of that Hospital, Rice, Indian Meal, Molasses, and such other food, as may be necessary for the sick, and render an Account thereof to this Board.

James John Skinner appointed a third Lieutenant in the Artillery Service of this State.

C. C. 8 [Council to N. Smith.]

In Council Annapolis April 3^{d} 1777.

Sir.

We are desirous of being informed of the State of the Artillery Companies in Baltimore, you will therefore obtain an exact State of Capt Furnival's and attend us with that and a State of your own as soon as you can.

Capt Nathaniel Smith. We are &^{ca}

9 [Council to A. Furnival.]

In Council Annapolis Ap^{l} 3^{d} 1777

Sir.

We are in great Want of Cloathing for such of the Troops as are to march; a good many are kept for nothing but Blankets, which will be very soon got and Cloathing. You had 600 y^{ds} of blue knapped Stuff delivered to you for your Artillery Company, on a Presumption that it would be very soon full, and we understand that you have yet but a small

Number; you are therefore to send such of the Stuff as is not C. C.
already used to Mr Charles Howard with a Bill of it by the Defence's Tender, which we expect will come down in a few Days with some Articles from Mr Hopkins. We are &ca

To Capt Alexander Furnival.

[Council to McBryde and others.] 10

In Council Annapolis Apl 3d 1777.

Sir.

A Quantity of Pease are wanting for the Troops and the Marine Service; from what we have understood, it is likely you may be able to purchase some in your Neighbourhood. We therefore request the Favour of you to buy up, for the Public Use, any Quantity not exceeding 500 Bushels as cheap as you can, not exceeding 6/6 p Bushel. We wish you not to mention the Purpose for which you purchase, as we have the Mortification to see that a Knowlege of the Public Wants too frequently occasions exorbitant Exactions. We have wrote to the same Purpose to which we think necessary to inform you of to prevent your bidding against each other. Be pleased to advise us of your Success, that we may send for your Purchase, and reimburse you

We are &ca

William McBryde Somerst
John Denwood Somerst
William Wise Worcester

April 4th 1777. C. B.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Charles Wallace Paymaster two thousand pounds on Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Aquila Randall twenty four pounds for Amt of his Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Sparrow four pounds, five shillings for Amt of his Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bullen Qr Master one hundred pounds, on Acct

Permit granted to William Dearole of Annapolis to pass through, and from this State unmolested.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captn John Davidson fourteen pounds, fourteen shillings for Amount of his Acct for board of Troops at Annapolis.

On considering the memorial of Doctor John Odle Hart of Somerset County, ordered that he be confined to the Limits of the Western Shore of this State, until the meeting of the next General Assembly, or the Governor and Council take

C. B. further order therein, and thereupon he was discharged from further Custody.

Ordered, That Levi Langford, William Pollett, Thomas Pollett and Stoughton Maddox of Somerset County be discharged from further Custody, which being done, they voluntarily took the oath of fidelity to this State.

C. C. 11

[Council to Prest Wharton.]

In Council Annapolis Apl 4th 1777.

Sir

The Bearer of this Mr William Deards of this City, is desirous of passing through Pennsylvania to his Excellency Genl Washington's Camp to request of him the Liberty of going to England by Way of New York. He represents, and, we believe, with Truth, that his domestic Concerns only, induce him to leave this State. We do not know whether Genl Washington will or will not grant his Request, but we shall be glad that he may not be obstructed in your State from waiting on the General, and request if it should be necessary, that you wou'd be pleased to grant him a Pasport, which, we dare say, will not be abused, to General Washington.

We are
Sir
With great Respect
Yr Excellency's most obedt
humble Servts

To His Excy Thomas Wharton Junr
Presidt of the Executive Council of
Pennsylvania

[Pass to W. Deards.]

In Council Apl 4th 1777.

Wm Deards of the City of Annapolis is hereby permitted to pass through and from this State unmolested.

C. B.

April 5th 1777.

Angelo Atkinson of Somerset County is hereby committed to the custody of Captain Fulford, until he shall be discharged by this Board, or by due course of Law.

Josephus Beall of Somerset County is hereby discharged, on having given Bond with Security for his future good Behaviour, and afterwards he voluntarily took the Oath of fidelity to this State

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Nathaniel Bond, for the use of Jesse Hollingsworth two thousand pounds, on Acc[t] C. B.

A Letter from Colonel Joseph Dashiell and others of Somerset County to the General Assembly being referred to the Governor and Council, was read, answered and also ordered that the Eastern Shore Treasurer pay to James Bennett one thousand pounds, to be by him delivered to Colonel Jos[h] Dashiell for defraying the Expences of the militia in Worcester County in actual Service.

[Council to Capt. Cook.] C. C. 12

In Council Annapolis April 5th 1777.

Sir

It seems to us, unlikely that you much increase the Number of your Men in Baltimore; you are therefore directed to bring the Defence down here, where after we receive your Report, of the State of your Crew, we shall give you such further Orders, as we think best. We are Sir &c[a]

Cap[t] Cooke.

[Council to Capt. David.] 13

In Council Annapolis April 5th 1777.

Sir

We expected you would by this Time, have been down with the Conqueror; if any new Difficulties have occurred, you ought to advise us of them; We presume your Galley is at least so far fitted, as that she may be worked about the Bay to exercise the Men, if she is, you are to come to Annapolis for Orders, if she is not, write us immediately what is wanting.

Capt. David We are Sir &c[a]

[Council to J. Hollingsworth.] 14

In Council Annapolis 6th Ap[l] 1777.

Sir

In answer to yours of the 4th Ins[t] we shall be glad to see Cap[t] David's Galley down as soon as may be and have wrote him so. If the Lydia cannot get Hands by the Time she is ready to leave Patapsco, Capt. David must assist with some of his People. We shall lay the State of Capt. Martin's Brig before the General Assembly and hope they will direct what shall be done with respect to her, being of Opinion we cannot lay out any great Expence on her, whilst Cap[t] Stone's Claim

C. C. exists, nor continue her a trading Vessel in her present State at an almost certain Loss to the Public; wherefore it is our Desire her Hands may be discharged and we decline the Purchase of Tobacco with a View of loading her.

We have given an Order for the two thousand Pounds as you request. And are Sir &c^a

Mr Jesse Hollingsworth.

P. S. The Arms you mention to have been delivered you by Capt Martin belonging to this State, you'll please to send down by the first Opportunity.

15 [Council to J. Martin.]

In Council Annapolis, 6th Ap^l 1777.

Sir

We received your Letter of the 4th Ins^t and several Papers, which we shall communicate to the General Assembly; we think it imprudent either to lengthen the Brig or to incur the Expence of the Repairs you mention, on a Vessel of her Burthen, without the Advice of the Assembly, and therefore desire the Hands may be discharged as soon as may be. The Freight ought, according to our Orders and the Course of Business, to have been paid on the Delivery of the Goods, it was low enough and you must consider yourself accountable.

To Capt John Martin. We are &c^a

16 [Council to J. Dashiell and others.]

In Council Annapolis 6th Ap^l 1777.

Gen^t

The General Assembly have been pleased to refer your Letter of the 2^d Inst. to the Governor and Council to take such Order therein as they think proper. We are sorry that so many have neglected to avail themselves of the Benefit of the Proclamation Those who have been guilty of the Offences therein described and are already or may hereafter be taken, we would have sent to us as soon as conveniently may be with the Depositions against them, of if they are mentioned in any of those already given in by Genl Smallwood, with a Reference to such. We have given an Order on the Treasurer of your Shore in favour of Mr James Bennett, the Bearer of this and your Letter for £1000 to be delivered to you on Account to defray the Expences of the Men &^ca This Business will be very expensive to the State, and we hope, by your good Management, it will be made as little so as possible. John Bennett & Stanton Atkins were sent hither

by Gen[l] Smallwood; there are no Depositions before us relative to them; the Gen[l] tells us that they were taken up but a little Time before he came away, that from Information they ought to be confined, and he expects, before this Time, Depositions are taken concerning their Conduct, if there are, we wish to have them transmitted. We shall be glad to be advised of the Expence of the Force now kept up and from Time to Time of the State of Things with you. C. C.

And are Gen[t]

Y[rs] &[ca]

To Col. J. Dashiell
Col[o] Jn[o] Done
Maj[r] Rob[t] Done
Maj[r] James Martin

[Council to Col. Hall.] 17

In Council 9th Ap[l] 1777.

Sir.

Agreeably to your Desire is inclosed an Order on M[r] Gerrard Hopkins to deliver to you one Hundred Blankets, out of those which may be delivered to him in Consequence of the late Law for the Collection of Blanketts; also a Copy of a Resolve of the General Assembly, relative to the Public Arms in the Hands of the Military; and you are requested to deliver to M[r] Gerrard Hopkins, all the Public Arms in the Hands of the Men under your Command. No Inconvenience will arise from this Resolve, as we have certain Information, not only of a sufficient Quantity of Arms, but also of Tents, Canteens and Camp Kettles being at Philadelphia for the Public Service We are &[ca]

Col[o] Josias C. Hall.

[Council to Col. Gist.] 18

In Council 9th Ap[l] 1777.

Sir.

Agreeably to your Desire is inclosed an Order on M[r] Gerrard Hopkins to deliver to you, sixty two Blankets, out of those which may be delivered to him in Consequence of the late Law for the Collection of Blanketts; also a Copy of a Resolve of the General Assembly, relative to the Public Arms in the Hands of the Military, and you are requested to deliver all the Public Arms in the Hands of the Men under your Command into the Possession of M[r] Gerrard Hopkins. No Inconvenience will arise from this Resolve, as we have certain Information not only of a sufficient Number of Arms, but also

c. c. of Tents, Canteens and Camp Kettles being at Philad[a] for the Public Service.

Col[o] Gist. We are, &[ca]

Original. [T. Smyth, Jr., to Gov. Johnson.]

Chester Town April 9th 1777.

Sir.

I inclose you a note from Col[o] Richardson requesting that you will order Cap[t] Handy to receive Eight thousand Dollars for the use of the Regiment, the money rec[d] for recruiting the Regiment is all expended and there is now much due for Subsistence. Also an entire stop is put to our Recruiting for want of Cash.

If there is any Clothing in the Stores shall be much oblig'd to you for an order to Cap[t] Handy for some as our men are much in want. Shoes we can get in this Town by your order. Ja[s] Claypoole has made 200 pair for the State agreeable to a Contract with the late Council of Safety, and Blankets we might soon procure was the Blanket Act promulgated.

We are preparing for the Inoculation of our men, tho' it will be done under great Disadvantages. instead of Beds for the Sick we have not even a sufficient number of Blankets for those that must be inoculated, and most of the Soldiers from the want of Clothes & Blankets are reduc'd to a very ill State of health. If we cou'd get a sufficient Quantity of Hessings (of which I believe there's enough in the Provincial Stores) we cou'd provide Beds for the men which wou'd be most serviceable in this Disorder

I am Sir

Y[r] most respectfull most obed[t] Serv[t]

Tho[s] Smyth Jn[r]

P. S. Cap[t] Handy has a Mem[m] of necessaries for the men that are to be inoculated & shall be much oblig'd to you for an order for them.

The People of this place have desir'd me to inform you that the Introduction of the Small Pox here will be attended with the greatest Inconveniences & to many the Consequences will be fatal. for many years the Small Pox has not been among them, consequently most Families have many who have not had that Disorder. at this time Provisions of every kind are very scarce particularly of that kind requisite for persons in the Small Pox & shou'd it be introduced many poor people must absolutely perish for want. they pray that your Honour

will avert the Calamities that must inevitably ensue from the inoculation of the Soldiery in this Place, and they shall thankfully acknowledge it the greatest Favour to the people of Chester Town, in whose behalf I am Sir C. C.

With the greatest Respect
Your most obedient Servant
Thos Smyth Jnr

[Washington to Gov. Johnson?] Original.

Headquarters, Morris Town 9th April 1777

Sir. Having heard that your State have appointed Lieut. Colo Geo. Stricker to the command of a Battalion, I hold myself bound to inform you that the Character he holds here as an Officer will not justify such an appointment. Yesterday he obtained my leave to resign, complaining that his private Affairs indispensably require his presence at home for several Months. Had there been any other Field Officer with the Batt. I should have permitted him to leave it immediately; he waits only for the Colonell's arrival.

I beg you will consider this Information as proceeding from my great regard for the good of the service, & from nothing else. I have the honour to be

with great Regard & Esteem
yr most Obd. Sert,
Go Washington.

April 10th 1777. C. B.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to James Ridgeway eight pounds, fifteen Shillings, for Amt of his Acct

That the Commissary of Stores at Baltimore deliver to Colonel Mordecai Gist sixty two Blankets.

That the said Commissary deliver to Coll Josiah Carvil Hall one hundred Blankets.

April 11th 1777.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Lancelot Jacques, for the use of William Pallett and Company three hundred and forty nine pounds fifteen shillings, for Amt of Acct

Permit granted to William Melson Captain of the Schooner Liberty to proceed from the Port of Annapolis, to the Island of Hispaniola, he having given Bond &c. in the usual Form.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Bullen Qr Master one hundred pounds, on Acct

C. B. Thomas Jones and James Calhoun Esquires of Baltimore Town are requested to view the House of George Lindenberger, occupied as a Laboratory and Guard-House at that Place, and ascertain the reasonable annual Rent for the same, also certify what Damage has been done the said House, while in public Service, and what Officers commanded them at the Time the Damages were done.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captain Thos Yates, for the use of Colonel Josiah Carvel Hall sixty Pounds, to be accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Major Thomas Snowden one hundred and twenty eight pounds, sixteen shillings and three pence, for Amt of Acct

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Gordon two hundred & fifty Pounds, the Balance of Contract for making Cartouch Boxes.

That the said Treasurer pay to Monsieur Bagues eighty Dollars, by order of the General Assembly.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Hoskins Stone, for the use, and by order, of Joseph Harrison two hundred and sixty eight pounds, seventeen shillings for Medicine ꝑ Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Wilson eight Pounds, five shillings and nine Pence, for Amt of Acct

That John McGlamencey, a Private in Captain Gunby's Company of Regulars, on Doctor Michael Wallace's Certificate, be discharged from the Service, as an Invalid.

That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Heber Whittingham six Pounds, fifteen shillings for Amt of Acct

C. C. 19

[Council to J. Stevenson.]

In Council Annapolis 11th Apl 1777.

Sir.

Inclosed you have a Copy of a Resolution of Congress of the 2d Instant, by which you will see, the Continental Stores, in Baltimore are desired to be immediately removed to Carlile. You are therefore to have those in your Custody removed as soon as may be, and advise us of your Success. We suppose a Number of the Pennsylvania Waggons will be glad to take the Powder, as back Loads, if you cannot readily get it away in that Manner nor hire Waggons, you must apply to this Board, and further Directions will be given.

We are &ca

Mr Josa Stevenson
Balt County

[Council to Capt. David.] C. C. 20

In Council Ap[l] 11th 1777.

Sir.

You are hereby desired to bring the Conqueror to Annapolis immediately. The Acoutriments you want will probably be procured as soon, if you were here, as if you remain at Baltimore, and it is expected that, in future you will instantly obey any Orders you may receive from the Council.

Cap[t] John David. We are &[ca]

[Washington to Gov. Johnson.] Original.

Head quarters Morris Town 11th April 1777

Sir: The latest accounts received respecting the Enemy, (rendered probable by a variety of circumstances) inform us, That they are very busily engaged in fitting up their Transports at Amboy for the accomodation of Troops, that they have completed their Bridge, and are determined to make their first push at Philadelphia.

The Campaign is therefore opening, and our present situation, weaker than when you left us, forces me to entreat your utmost attention to the raising & equipping the Continental Troops alotted to be raised in your State. I have waited in painfull Expectation of a Reinforcement; such an one as would probably have ensured an happy Issue to any Attack I might have determined upon, and such as I had a right to expect, had the officers faithfully discharged their duty. But that time is past, and I must content myself with improving on the future Chances of War. Even this can not be done, unless the officers can be perswaded to abandon their comfortable Quarters and take the Field. Let me therefore, in the most earnest terms beg that they may be forwarded to the Army without loss of time.

I have also to ask the favour of you to transmit to me a List of the Field-Officers of your Battalions, and their Rank, with the number of their respective Battalions.

Since writing the above, I have the disagreeable information that Disputes still prevail in your State, about the rank of your officers, and that the recruiting service is exceedingly injured by them.

Shall the general Cause be injured by such illtimed & ineffectual Jarrings among them? I have inclosed two Resolves of Congress, warmly hoping that the knowledge of them may tend to an honourable and necessary Accomodation. No settlement which they can make or submit to among themselves, will affect the army at large. I have long since deter-

C. C. mined to refer the adjusting of Rank to a Board of General officers, which will proceed upon the business so soon as the army collects & Circumstances will admit

I have the honour to be, with great Respect
Yr. most obedt. Servt.

Govr Johnson G^o Washington

[Resolves of Congress.]

In Congress, 1 April, 1777

RESOLVED, That no officer already appointed, or to be hereafter appointed in the Army of the United States, shall take Rank by virtue of a Commission antedated; but Rank shall be determined by the time of appointment, unless otherwise directed by special Resolution of Congress.

12th February, 1777

RESOLVED, That Genl Washington be impowered to settle all matters of Rank & Pay amongst the officers of the Virginia & Maryland Regiments, and fill up and date the Commissions as he shall think just & proper; and that he also settle any Disputes that may arise in the Army respecting Rank.

A true Copy. G. Johnston A. D. C.

C. B. April 12th 1777

Clearance granted to Isaac Wentworth Captain of the Brig Marian, to proceed from Annapolis to James River, he having given Bond & in usual Form.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to William Thomas eighteen pounds, for Am^t of Acc^t

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Jno Smith one hundred and twenty five pounds, one shilling and three pence for Am^t of Acc^t

That the said Treasurer pay to Woolman Gibson Junior four pounds, two shillings and six Pence, for Am^t of Acc^t

Clearance granted to William Rowntree, Captain of Brig, Peggy and Catey, belonging to Robert McKim, of Baltimore to go to James River in Virginia, he having given Bond & in the usual Form.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Gibson (for the use of, James Wonlots six Pounds) and for the use of John Harrison six Pounds, ten shillings for Am^t Acc^ts

Clearance granted to Ephraim Lumbard Captain of the Schooner Esther to go to Boston, he having given Bond & in usual Form.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captain Solomon Long eighteen pounds, two shillings and six Pence, for Am^t of his Acc^t C. B.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to John Bullen Q^r Master ninety four Pounds for two Horses p Acc^t

Levin Wilcoxon a Serjeant in Colonel Stone's Regiment discharged from the service, the facts in his Petition being proved.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captain Levin Handy, for the use of Colonel Richardson, three thousand Dollars, on Acc^t

That the said Treasurer pay to Colonel Jeremiah Jordan, for the use of James Boyd four Pounds, seven shillings, and three Pence for Am^t of Acc^t

That Captain Alexander Furnival deliver to Col^o Hall, for the use of his Battalion, or in his Absence, to Colonel Smith all the surplus Cloathing and Blankets now in his Possession, and which are not necessary for his men now actually enlisted; an order of Council of the third instant was sent to Captain Furnival relative to these Articles, which it was expected he would have instantly obeyed, but no answer hath yet been given to it.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Beriah Maybury one hundred and fifty Pounds on Acc^t

That the said Treasurer pay to Colonel Jeremiah Jordan, for the use of Caleb Sesson thirty pounds, as Adjutant to his Battalion.

[Council to B. Johnson.] C. C. 21

In Council Annapolis 12th Ap^l 1777.

Sir

We have ordered a large Quantity of Powder from hence and Baltimore to Frederick to be lodged in your Care; you are to hire 12 good Men under you as a Guard and have it deposited in the Market House, 'til a Magazine can be built, where it is again to be removed and guarded. You will be careful to keep and transmit to us, a very exact Account of what may come to your Hands. If any Difficulties should occur, you will write to us by Express, or if that will delay too much, advise with Mr Hanson and Col^o Beatty; we hope they, and the other Gentlemen of Frederick Town will give you any Assistance in their Power that may be necessary.

Maj^r Benjamin Johnson. We are &^ca

[Council to Col. Richardson.] 22

In Council Annapolis 12th Ap^l 1777.

Sir

In Consequence of your Order inclosed in Maj^r Smith's Letter of the 9th Ins^t we have drawn, in Favour of Capt Handy

C. C. for three thousand Dollars; The State of ours, and the Advances already made, beyond what has been supplied by the Continental Treasury, will not afford a Compliance in the Extent of your Request, and we hope the Sum sent may answer, 'til you can draw at Philad[a] we are not able to furnish Cloathing, Cap[t] Handy carries you an Order for the Blankets & 200 Pair of Shoes. We have consulted Gen[l] Smallwood about the Innoculation of your Men; the Shop here is not able to furnish the Medicines mentioned in Doct[r] Scott's Memorandum, not having so much of some of the Articles as the Doctor put down. From the very great Disinclination the Inhabitants of the Town and its Neighbourhood have to the Introduction of the Small Pox, Gen[l] Smallwood, with us, thinks it best your Troops should be immediately sent forward to Wilmington or Philadelphia; if to Philadelphia as much of the Way as may be, by Water; where many have already been innoculated with Success. Doct[r] Shippen, in a late Letter, speaking of our Troops, says, "If they have not had the Small Pox, they should hasten on to receive that Distemper, 1000 can be well accomodated at German Town and as many in the Environs of this City." We have ordered you eight Pieces of Rolls for Beds for your Battalion.

Col Richardson, in his absence Maj. Smith

We are &c.

C. B.

April 14th 1777.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Nicholson for the use of William Hopper forty eight Pounds, for Am[t] of Acc[t]

Clearances granted to, David Mortez Captain of the Sloop Jervis Powlonex, Samuel Prudden Captain of the Schooner Polly belonging to Daniel Mortez, and to Gabriel Sand Captain of the Schooner called The Industry belonging to David Mortez, to proceed from the Port of Annapolis, to the Island of Coracoa.

Clearance granted to John Thorpe Captain of the Schooner Rebecca & Sally, belonging to Charles Ridgely and others, to go to the Island of S[t] Eustatius.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Henry Sewell fifteen pounds, eight shillings, for Am[t] of Acc[t]

That the said Treasurer pay to John Muir for the use of John Crochett, by Draught, and order of Vanbibber and Harrison three hundred and seventy one pounds, six Shillings and two Pence, equal to four hundred and eight Pounds, eight shillings and nine Pence in Dollars at eight shillings and three Pence each.

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Hepburn twenty five pounds, ten shillings for Am^t of his Acc^t C. B.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Charles Williams and Company fifty four Pounds, eight shillings and one Penny for Am^t of his Acc^t

Angelo Atkinson of Worcester County is hereby discharged on having given Bond with security for his future good Behaviour, and afterwards he voluntarily took the oath of Fidelity to the State.

Clearance granted to John Burrows Captain of the Ship called The Bill and Mary to proceed to Bordeaux in the Kingdom of France, the vessel and Cargo being the Property of the Congress

[Council to C. Lowndes.] C. C. 23

In Council Annapolis 14th Ap^l 1777

Sir

Our Commissioners having returned from York Town without being able to do any thing effectual in the Business they went on, there is now no Probality of a Regulation of Prices being made. Sixty five Pounds a Ton is certainly a very high Price for Hemp at Frederick Town, but we must have Cordage, and wish you to get supplied with ten Tons of Hemp and to work it up as quick as you can. We are &^ca

Christopher Lowndes Esqr

[Council to J. Tootell.] 24

Annapolis 14th Ap^l 1777.

Sir.

The Governor and Council having ordered the principal Part of the Powder in the Magazine kept by you to Frederick Town, and a good many Waggons being expected down for the Removal of it, you will deliver to each a Load as they apply to you, taking a Receipt for the Casks delivered and sending a Memorandom by each, four Waggons will apply with this and I woud have you stop others as they may be coming down you will be attentive that the Casks are in good Order, such as are not must be kept for Repair or Use here. If eight Waggons or more set out together, it is our Intention you send a Guard of two or three men with them. The Powder is to be delivered to Maj^r Benj^a Johnson of Frederick Town, each Waggon I suppose will carry 23 or 24 Barrels, a little better than a Ton Gross. I am &^ca

Capt James Tootell.

C. B. April 15th 1777

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Robert Reid eighty four Pounds for Amt of his Acct on Contract for Gun-making.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Dennis O'Bryan four Pounds, for Amt of his Acct

That Captain Patterson Master of the Schooner Dolphin proceed to Baltimore with the sick of the Ship Defence

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Captain Cooke for the use of the sick six Blankets also five hundred weight of Cannon Powder, three hundred Gun fflints & fifty weight of musquet Ball for the Ship Defence.

That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Seavern Hitch three pounds, seven shillings and six Pence for Amt of his Acct

Mr John Contee offers himself to qualify as a Member of this Board, Wherefore the Honorable the General Assembly is requested to certify this Board, whether Mr Contee hath, or hath not refused to act, there being yet only one person chose by the Council a member and he in the Room of Charles Carroll Senior Esquire, whose refusal to act is entered in the Proceedings of the Senate.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Captain Daniel three hundred and fifty weight of Gun Powder, twenty four Cutlasses, half of a Ream of Cartriche Paper, and sheet Lead sufficient for Aprons for Cannon.

That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captain Alexander Furnival for the use of Jesse Hollingsworth one thousand, five hundred pounds, to be accounted for.

It being represented that many persons duly inlisted in the service of this State have not joined any Regiment, or Corps, all such are ordered immediately to repair to Annapolis, and Authority is hereby given to any Officer in the service of the United States, or of this State, to take the Command of any such inlisted persons, or if necessary to arrest any of them, the Officers so taking the Command of, or arresting any of them bringing them before the Governour & Council.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to William Patterson sixty six pounds, six shillings, and two Pence for Amt of Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to David Crawford fifteen pounds, for Amt of Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Captn Alexander Furnival sixty eight Pounds, seven shillings and six Pence for Amt of Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Major Thomas Woolford, for the use of Robert Ewing six Pounds, for Amt of Acct

[Council to J. Hollingsworth.] C. C. 25

In Council Annapolis 15th Apl 1777.

Sir.

We have drawn the £1500, as you desire by your Letter of yesterday. The Officers in the Public Service drawing Cash from you or any where else but from the Treasury immediately, may be productive of Confusion, we therefore desire that you will not advance any considerable Sums in future, small Matters are not objects and it may not be worth while to send down for Trifles; for Convenience therefore, small sums immediately wanted, may be proper.

Mr Jesse Hollingsworth. We are &ca

[Secretary Peters to Gov. Johnson.] Original.

Philadelphia April 15th 1777

Sir: There are a number of Scotch Prisoners at Baltimore on their way to be exchanged. The Cartel being at present at an end, it is thought advisable that the prisoners proceed no further, & Colo Stevens of the 10th Virginia Regt under whose care they now are, has orders to apply to the Government of your State to receive from him such of the Prisoners as are in Maryland, to be conveyed to a place of Security. You will be pleased to give Orders that some convenient place for their reception be provided, and the Prisoners safely escorted thither. A Detachment of the Prisoners who are now at Newcastle are order'd to Lancaster, but as that place was appointed for the residence of the Hessians, it is feared there is not room for many other Prisoners, & that therefore Frederick town will be the most proper place for those now in Maryland of the Scotch Regiment:

I have the honor to be
Your most ob. & hum. Servt
Richard Peters, Secy

His Excellency Govr Johnson

April 16th 1777. C. B.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to William Goldsmith thirty pounds, to be accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Aquila Parker thirty six Pounds for Amt of his Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo Thomas Dorsey eighteen pounds for Amt of his Acct

C. B. Ordered That the following Resignation of Mr John Contee be inserted, as follows

Febry 24th 1777.

Gentlemen

The honour conferred upon me by the General Assembly in appointing of me a member of the Council to the Governor of this State claims my sincerest acknowledgements, and for which I do return unfeigned Thanks. shod be exceedingly glad (was it in my Power) to undertake that honourable Trust, but am prevented by the great Danger at this Time in Annapolis of taking the Small Pox, and the dreadful Idea I have of receiving that Disorder in the natural way will I hope by every discreet Person be thought a reason sufficient for my not attending. it is my Intention to get innoculated as soon as it can with Convenience be done, after that should I be thought worthy of Confidence in this Government will cheerfully undertake the Post, to which I may be appointed. As I profess myself a Friend to the Cause of Independence, am desirous to lend a helping Hand towards the support of it.

I presumed it necessary to trouble you with these few Lines, that the Council might be informed thereof, and proceed to elect another member in my stead.

I am Gentn
Yr much obliged and
most obt Servt
John Contee

The Honble The General Assembly.

Whereupon James Brice Esquire was elected by Ballot in his Stead.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Gann four Pounds twelve shillings and eight Pence for his Cloathing, ꝑ Certificate of his Officer Captn Woolford.

Thomas Fisher Captain of the Sloop Betsy makes report of said Vessel, which appears to have been regularly cleared from the Port of Hampton in Virginia, and Permission granted to him to dispose of the Cargo, on Board within this State.

Ordered, that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Gordon three pounds, two shillings, and six Pence, for Amt of Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Elisha Edgar, eighteen Pounds, five shillings for Amt of Acct

C. C. 26

[Council to St. G. Peale.]

In Council Annapolis 16th April 1777

Sir

Your Letter to the Governor is just now received. In our Instructions to Mr McHard we inserted the following Clause.

Mr Josa Stevenson, we understand, has some Continental Powder in his Care, in the Neighbourhood of Baltimore Town to whom we have wrote on the Subject and there is in Baltimore Town as we have been told, though we do not know in whose Care, a Quantity of Continental Powder: You'll therefore enquire who in Baltimore Town has the Continental Powder in Possession, shew him the Resolution of Congress and this Part of your Instruction, which is intended as a particular Order to any Person having the Care of the Continental Stores, to remove them to Carlile. If the Powder which lately arrived in Capt Martin yet remains in Town and Carriage cannot be immediately had for so large a Quantity, we direct the immediate Removal to the Continental Magazine kept by Mr Stevenson, of such Part as Carriage cannot be directly found for. The Congress has made use of the Term Military Stores: we do not know what they may consist of: If there should be Cannon, Iron shot or such heavy Articles, we do not presume they were intended to be sent to Carlile and therefore desire an Account of such may be sent us, for further Orders, the Powder must be first attended to. We intended this for the Government of every Person who has the Custody of the Continental Stores in Baltimore Town and that they should exert themselves in procuring Carriage. We imagined that the Waggons from Pennsylvania which were occasionally at Baltimore, might have been employed in the removal of the Continental Stores to Carlile and sent Mr McHard with Intention he should send the Powder belonging to this State in such Waggons from Frederick as came on Purpose or were down occasionally. We can but repeat our former Orders, to you particularly, which were before given generally, which you will see justified by the inclosed Resolve of Congress and inform you that we think, from all Information since received, your Attention to and Diligence in this Business, is indispensible. We are &ca C. C.

Mr St Geo. Peale

[Council to I. McHard.] 27

In Council Annapolis 16th Apl 1777.

Sir.

We had no Intention that you should remove the Continental Stores; we intended, & on recurring to our Instructions, think they are very explicit, that the Continental Officers should remove them; we have wrote to this Effect to Mr Peale; we know nothing more than the Resolution of Congress informs us, though we cannot but suppose there's an Officer to receive the Powder &ca at Carlile and that he has

C. C. Money or some Mode for Payment of the Carriage. If you have got the Removal of our Powder to Fred[k] in a fair Way, we would have it continued by those who have the Charge of it, if the Casks are not fit to remove, they must, if they can, be made fit; if they cannot, good new Casks must be procured and the Powder started. We are &[ca]

To M[r] Isaac M[c]Hard
now at Baltimore

28 [Council to Dashiell and others.]

In Council Annapolis 16th Ap[l] 1777.

Gentlemen

From your State of the Circumstances of the Insurgents in your Possession, we could wish it was in our Power to save you the Trouble, and the Public the Expence of sending them hither, but they must be sent up; we imagine it will be the easiest and cheapest way to send them by Water, with a Guard not numerous, but sufficient to take Care of them. The Soldiers & Blankets have been delivered by M[r] Hitch.

Dashiell, Scott &
Stewart. We are &[ca]

C. B. April 17th 1777.

Lieutenant Colonel John Gunby appointed Colonel of the seventh Regiment of Continental Troops raised by the State of Maryland.

Major Thomas Woolford appointed Lieutenant Colonel in the second Regiment, and Major Benjamin Forch, in the sixth Regiment in the Room of Lieutenant Colonel Shryock, who resigned.

James Fernandas second Lieutenant appointed first Lieutenant in the Room of Walter Brooke Cox, who resigned.

Samuel M[c]Pherson Ensign appointed second Lieutenant, in the Room of James Fernandas.

Elihu Hall Junior appointed Ensign in the first Company of the first Regiment.

Vachel Burgess appointed Ensign of the eighth Company in the first Regiment.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Ebenezer Handy twenty five shillings for a Blanket.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut[t] Edward Duvall four pounds, seven shillings for Blankets for four soldiers in Captain Neal's Company.

That the said Treasurer pay to David Hunter fifteen pounds, five shillings, for Am[t] of Acc[t]

That the said Treasurer pay to Captn Arch^{d} Anderson thirty five shillings, for Blankets ꝑ Certificate. C. B.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Colonel Thos Price, for the use of the second Regiment Kendal Cotton sufficient to make Blankets, allowing five yards to each Blanket wanting.

That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Edward Flin twenty shillings for a Pair of Breeches found himself last Campaign.

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain John Davidson five Pounds, ten shillings for Blankets ꝑ Am^{t} of Acc^{t}

That the said Treasurer pay to Alexander Gordon ten Pounds, two shillings, and six Pence, for Am^{t} of Acc^{t}

James Brice Esquire elected a member of this Board declined taking a Seat by Letter.

[Benjamin Rumsey to Gov. Johnson.] C. C. Original.

Dear Sir: Mr. Morris to day put into my Hands your Lre. to him of the 1 of April in which you express the general Sense that prevailed in the State of Maryland respecting the leaving a Battallion in Somersett County, that it would conduce much to the general Interest, would keep the three Counties inclined to Toryism in order and eventually save the Effusion of much Blood as well as a heavy Expence.

I moved in Consequence thereof that Genl Smallwood should be ordered to station a Battallion there to be under the Direction of the Executive Power of the State of Maryland untill removed or otherwise ordered by Congress.

On Debate the sense of the House seemed to be that none of the Troops already raised could be spared, but that a new Battallion might be raised on continental Pay and Expence for that Purpose, and have directed a Comittee to bring in a Report on the subject composed of Col^{o} Duer Col^{o} Wilson Mr. S. Adams and myself, when a Report is made and any Step taken in Consequence thereof I shall do myself the Honour to write to you on the Subject.

I have the Honour to be, Dr Sir,
your most hu. Servt
17 April, 1777 Philad^{a} Benjamin Rumsey

[E. Boudinot to Gov. Johnson.] Original.

May it please your Excellency

Being honor'd with the appointment of Commissary General of Prisoners in the Army of the United States of America, it

C. C. is absolutely necessary that I should be immediately provided with an Acc^t^ of all the Expences and disbursments of the different States, in favor of the several Prisoners taken from the King of great Britain, in order that the accounts may be ready for settlement with General Howe, whenever we shall be called on for that purpose. I am therefore instructed by his Excellency General Washington, to beg the favor of your Excellency, to order all Accounts of Expences and disbursments (as well those that have already been paid, as those which are yet due) made by your State, in favor of such Prisoners, to be immediately transmitted to me at Head Quarters, with the several proper authenticated Vouchers for the same. I must also beg a return of such Prisoners as are at present in your State, with the particular places where confined, their rank &c.

I have the honor
to be
Your Excellency's
Most ob^t^ Hble Servt
Elias Boudinot

Morris Town Aprill 17th 1777.

His Excellency Thomas Johnson Esqr
Governor of the State of Maryland

C. B. April 18th 1777.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Purdy twenty shillings for a Pair of Breeches found himself last year, being one of Captain Long's Independent Company.

That the said Treasurer pay to Christopher Edelin for the use of Michael Tachler and others, forty three pounds, sixteen shillings, for Am^t^ of Acc^t^

That the said Treasurer pay to Christopher Edelin seventy one pounds, five shillings, for stockings p Certificate of Col^o^ Price's Regiment.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Small nine Pounds, eight shillings and two Pence, for Am^t^ of Acc^t^

Whittey Turpin having given Bond according to order is discharged from Custody. he afterwards voluntarily took the Oath of Fidelity to this State.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Colonel Price seven Pieces of Rolls for Beds for the sick of his Regiment.

That the said Treasurer pay to Willm Roberts fourteen pounds, six shillings for Am^t^ of his Acc^t^

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Wilson three hundred and fifty six Pounds three shillings and six Pence, for Am^t^ of his Acc^t^

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Wilson, for the use of John Drain two hundred and sixty three pounds, eighteen shillings, for Am^t of Acc^t C. B.

That the said Treasurer pay to Colonel Woolford, for the use of Samuel Bowes and John Malone, two Soldiers in his Company, nine Pounds, five shillings and four Pence, for their Cloathing last Campaign.

That the said Treasurer pay to Pat'k McNemara, and John Alexander, Soldiers Late of Captain Veazey's Company nine Pounds, five Shillings, and four Pence, for their Cloathing last year ꝑ Certif^a

That the said Treasurer pay to James Claypole one hundred and twenty two Pounds, seven shillings and six Pence for Balance of Acc^t ꝑ Contract.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to George Gordon four Pounds for a Musquet.

Memorandum of an Agreement between the Governor and Council of the State of Maryland on the one Part, and Richard Bond of Cecil County of the other Part.

Richard Bond agrees to manufacture and make for the use of this State one thousand Gun Barrels, three Quarters of an Inch in the Bore, and three and an half Feet in the Barrel, well britched and Looped, and otherwise compleatly fitted, finished and proved, ready for stocking, for which the Governor and Council agree to allow at the Rate of thirty five shillings ꝑ Barrel, computing Bar-Iron at the Rate of fifty five pounds ꝑ Ton. and it is agreed that in case Bar-Iron should rise, or fall the Price of Barrels to be rated accordingly. Richard Bond agrees to deliver to the order of the Governor and Council not less than sixty two Barrels ꝑ month, compleatly fitted as aforesaid, the Governor and Council finding Powder for proving said Barrels. The Gun-Barrels are to be delivered at the Head of Elk, the Britches of the said Guns to be so filled, that in re-boring them, the screws shall not be touched. Witness my Hand this 17th Day of April Anno Dom. 1777 Richd Bond.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Coursey, for the use of Thomas Smyth three hundred, and fifty Pounds, fourteen shillings and three Pence, for Am^t of Acc^t

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to William Thompson a Serjeant of late Captain Veazey's Company four pounds, twelve shillings, and eight Pence, for Cloathing last Campaign.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jeremiah Carroll four pounds,

C. B. twelve shillings and eight Pence, for his Cloathing last Campaign, being one of Captn Veazey's Company.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Ennalls for the use of the managers in Dorchester County four hundred and forty three Pounds, four shillings, and seven Pence, for Am^{t} Acc^{t}

That the said Treasurer pay to Colonel John Gunby nine pounds, nine shillings and seven Pence for Am^{t} of Acc^{t}

That the said Treasurer pay to James McHendricks (one of Captain Veazey's Company) twenty seven shillings for a Hatt & Breeches last Campaign.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Hardman eight Pounds and six Pence, for Am^{t} Acc^{t} p Certif^{a}

April 19th 1777.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Jones of Somerset County three hundred pounds, to be expended in the purchase of Pork.

That the said Treasurer pay to Colonel Thomas Price two thousand Dollars, on Acc^{t} of his Regiment.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lt Col^{o} Peter Adams six thousand Dollars, on Acc^{t} of the seventh Regiment.

That the Eastern Shore Treasurer pay to James Hindman five Pounds, nine Shillings and eight Pence for Am^{t} of Acc^{t}

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captain Bennett Matthews two hundred Pounds, to be accounted for.

James Brice Esquire having declined his Appointment to a Seat in Council, Joseph Sim of Prince George's County Esquire was elected by Ballot.

Commission of Letter of Marque & Reprisal issued to Thomas Timpson Captain of the Privateer General Mercer mounting ten Carriage and belonging to William Lux and others of Baltimore.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John McFadon two hundred and seventy pounds, ten shillings and nine pence, for Am^{t} Acc^{t}

That the said Treasurer pay to Bennett Matthews sixty eight pounds, fourteen shillings and seven Pence for Balance of Acc^{t}

That the said Treasurer pay to James Murray eight pounds, seven shillings for Am^{t} of Acc^{t}

That the said Treasurer pay to James Cordray ninety eight Dollars, for Bal^{a} of Acc^{t}

That the said Treasurer pay to William Carter eleven pounds, eight shillings for Bal^{ce} of Acc^{t}

[Council to R. Reid.] C. C. 29

In Council Annapolis 19th Apl 1777.

Sir

The Council and I are very unwilling that you should decline the Business of making Arms, we would have you proceed and will if Things continue in their present Circumstances, give you the five Pounds ten shillings under a Confidence of your Diligence, and that you will do the Work faithfully though we look on it a very high Price. We are &ca

Mr Robert Reid Recd 30 Musquets.

April 21st 1777. C. B.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Patrick Hannan one hundred and twenty five Pounds on Acct

That the Commissary of Stores at Annapolis deliver to Captain Cooke forty pr of Shoes and twenty Jackets.

That the Commissary at Baltimore deliver to Colo Gist and Hall Blankets as applied for and they come in.

Joseph Sim Esquire appeared, and qualified by taking the oaths, and subscribing the Declaration directed by the Form of Government, and taking the Oaths prescribed by the General Assembly.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to James Berry a Soldier in late Captain Veazey's Company four Pounds, twelve shillings, and eight Pence for his Last Year's Cloathing.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Davis twenty seven shillings, for Part of his Cloathing last year.

Richard Sprigg Esquire Chancellor qualified before the Governor by taking the several Oaths prescribed by the Constitution and Form of Government, and directed by the General Assembly, Whereupon the Great Seal of the State was delivered him.

[Council to Hancock.] C. C. 30

In Council Annapolis 21st Apl 1777.

Sir.

We have inclosed a Resolution of the General Assembly of the 7th Inst requesting the Honorable Congress will let this State have two thousand Stand of Arms. The Militia of this State were illy provided with Arms before any were sent from hence; what Public Arms we had, were sent in the Hands of Smallwood's Battalion and the Independt Companies, and almost all the Arms which were good for any Thing, and belonged to private People, were collected for, and sent to the

c. c. Flying Camp, none of them have been returned, the few that reached Philadelphia, about two thousand three Hundred, were delivered in there, by Order of Congress and have, as we are informed, been since disposed of, for Continental Purposes: We therefore expect that in our naked and dangerous Situation, we shall be gratified with two thousand stand, and if they can be spared, with more, as a greater Number will most probably, in a short Time, be necessary.

We are Sir
with the highest Respect your
Most obed^t humble Serv^ts

To His Exc^y John Hancock Esqr
President of the Congress

Inclosed, a Copy of the Resolve of Assem^y of the 7th Ap^l 1777.

31 [Gov. Johnson to Hancock.]

Annapolis 21st Ap^l 1777

Sir.

Inclosed is a Resolution of the General Assembly of the 19th Instant, requesting one of the Regiments raising in this State, to be stationed on the Eastern Shore. The repeated Intelligence received by Congress of our Enemy's designing to send a considerable Force into Chesapeake Bay is in some Measure confirmed by an Officer, lately exchanged and now here, who says it was lately reported in New York, that Genl Burgoyne had arrived in this Bay, with ten thousand Troops. From His Excellency Governor Henry's Letter to me a Copy of which I have taken the Liberty to inclose you, it seems to be his Opinion, that in Case there should be a Descent on the Eastern Shore, Virginia can render but little Assistance, and that the Defence of that Country will be thrown principally on this State. The Advantages the Enemy possess, may prevent this State, as well as Virginia from affording any adequate Assistance to the Eastern shore; for, the Western Shore of both States will, with great Difficulty, if at all, be able to transport Troops across the Bay: This, and the Circumstances of two of our Counties as well as Sussex on Delaware, which I believe worse than either of them, make it necessary a Regular Force should be kept on Foot on the Eastern Shore; Genl Smallwood is of Opinion the upper Part of Somerset County in Maryland is the most proper Place, it is nearly opposite to the lowest good Water on the Eastern Shore of our Bay for Vessels of Burthen, about thirty Miles from Lewis Town, directly in the Course of Communication from thence to the most disaffected Part of Maryland, about thirty Miles from Accomack in Virginia, from whence, and

from Northampton, a considerable Body of sound Militia c. c.
might be expected, and not far from very well affected Parts of the Maryland Eastern Shore. The Idea is, that if Congress should be pleased to allow one of the Regiments to be stationed thereabouts, ranging Parties might be kept out, even in Sussex, occasionally; that they would prevent a Junction of the Tories, and in some Measure their Intercourse, that it would prevent any Attempt, by a small Force, under Assurances of Assistance from the Tories, and if any Thing more formidable should be sent, the well affected Part of the Militia would instantly collect there, as a Place of general Rendezvous, and enable the Regulars to make a Stand, 'til effectual Support could be given. These Reasons have induced the General Assembly to request one of the Continental Battalions, which I think will, in all Likelihood, be the cheapest mode of Defence, and the Regiment being left for a Time in this State may probably be the Occasion of its filling the sooner, for a good many of our People are possessed with the Humour of serving within, rather than out of their own State. If no Succour is afforded, the inclosed Petitions to the Governor, Council and General Assembly of this State and the Remonstrance and Petition of Accomack, Somerset and Worcester Counties to the Congress, fully shew, our Friends will despair of being able to support themselves. I have also inclosed you a Copy of an Act of our General Assembly for building Barracks; The Accomodations for the Troops, either quartered or occasionally in this State, are not such as are desirable, very inconvenient to the Inhabitants and very expensive, the Assembly are therefore desirous, tho' it will be expensive, to make a better and more suitable Provision, and to enable us to do it, hope for the Assistance of Congress.

The great separate Expence we are at, and the frequent Drafts in Favour of the seven Battalions raising here, has much weakened our Treasury and obliges me to request a further Sum of Money, to be lodged by Congress, to enable further Advances to those Regiments; it is of Consequence to the Service, without it we shall not be able to raise and forward the Troops. I shall be obliged to you Sir, to lay these Matters before Congress and to that Honorable Body, for their speedy Decision thereon.

I am Sir with the highest Respect
Your most obed^t humble Servt

If a few brass Field Pieces can be spared, they are desirable

To The Honble the President of the Congress.

C. B.

April 22d 1777.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John McFadon five hundred pounds, a Contract by order of the General Assembly.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lt Colo Benjamin Ford, for the use of the Sixth Regiment three thousand Dollars, on Acct

Clearance granted to Daniel Kenney Captain of the Schooner Fortune to go to Hespaniola.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Lieutt Colonel Patrick Sim for the use of the first Regiment one thousand Dollars.

April 23d 1777

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captain John David one hundred pounds on Acct

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Captn John David forty three pr of Trowsers, fifteen pr of shoes twenty four shirts, two Hatts, six Jackets, and one piece of Russia Drab.

That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Isaac McHerd one hundred and fifty Pounds, on Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bullen Qr Master one hundred & fifty Pounds, on Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Nicholas Maccubbin one hundred and twenty five Pounds, on Acct

Nicholas Maccubbin agrees to proceed in making Shoes for the public, for which the Governor and Council promise to allow a reasonable Price, notwithstanding his former Contract.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to

John Sears,	£4	12	8	Soldiers in Late
	4	0	2	
	4	7	6	

Captn Veazey's Company for Cloathing p Certificates.

C. C.
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[Council to Justices.]

Annapolis 23d Apl 1777.

Sir

I inclose you several Resolutions of the Honble House of Delegates, and two Memorials & sundry Depositions referred to, in, and delivered me with, those Resolutions. Our Government now taking a settled Form, I flatter myself that the Peace and good Order of Society will be duly regarded and that Violences will, in future be abstained from. The Laws

and your Commission making it, in a Particular Manner your Duty to afford the Subjects of this State Protection against all Violence or Injury within your County, to their Persons or Properties. I have the utmost Confidence that you will give Mr Goddard every Protection, warranted by Law, in your Power. C. C.

I am Gent.

Yr most obedt Servt

Worshipfull Justices of Baltimore County

[Gov. Johnson to Hancock.] 33

Annapolis 23d Apl 1777.

Sir

I had prepared the inclosed Letters and intended to have sent them off this Evening or in the Morning by Express. Our Assembly broke up on Sunday; your Letter of the 2 Inst and its Inclosure makes the Consideration of that Part of mine relative to a Battalion being stationed in Somerset County, unnecessary, though it must give the Gentlemen of the Congress Pleasure to see that they have anticipated the Request of the General Assembly and made a Provision fully adequate, as we judge, for the Occasion. A good many who were in the late daring Practices, did not take the Benefit of the Proclamation; 50 or 60 have been sent up hither as such, most of them ignorant miserable People, and some who seemed rather to have been Spectators than concurring; those of any Influence are kept in Confinement, but the wretched we have discharged, on taking the Oath of Fidelity, and, in all Instances where required by the Field Officers, delivering up their Arms. There is still a small Force of Militia kept up and we have lately had Letters from the Officers, from whence it seems they are not apprehensive, but on the Event of a Force being sent by our Enemies. The Governor and Council are intrusted by the Legislature with a Power of seizing, imprisoning or ordering to any Part of the State, those who they may suspect to be inimically disposed. The Legislature have also passed a Tory Bill, giving the Magistrates pretty extensive Powers. I make no Doubt but that every Thing recommended in the Resolution will be executed by the executive Power, except inventorying the Estates of the Disaffected and taking the Profits of their Lands, that, as the Resolution supposes, being only to be done by the Assembly, who will, I expect, defray the Expences of Imprisonment out of the Delinquents' Estates. Several Circumstances, amongst others the Small Pox being rife here, makes an immediate Meeting of the Assembly almost impracticable, but if the Battalions should not fill up, under the Provision made, id est,

C. C. the Liberty of inlisting Servants, not having more than 18 Months to serve and valued under £10, and Apprentices to inlist; I shall, as soon as it can well be done, convene the Assembly, and lay the Resolutions of Congress which I received yesterday in your Letter of the Inst, before them. Presuming the Congress were much engaged about Business of greater Moment, I recommended to the Assembly to appoint Commissioners to state the Acc^ts^ of the Militia who went with me to the Jerseys last Jan^y^, and, to prevent any Discontent, from their not soon receiving their Pay, to enable our Treasury to advance the Money. The Assembly passed the Resolution inclosed, and, in Consequence of it, I appointed John Hanson Junr William Deakins & Samuell Beall, to audit and settle the Acc^ts^, they are I expect, now on that Work, and I should be glad that Congress would Order Money for the Payment, subject to what Restrictions they may think Proper.

I am Sir
most respectfully
Your obed^t^ Servt

His Excell^y^ John Hancock Esqr
Presid^t^ of the Congress

C. B. April 24th 1777.

Present Edward Lloyd, Joseph Sim and Thomas Sim Lee Esquire.

Ordered, That Henry Hollingsworth deliver to Robert Reid of Chester Town one hundred and fifty Gun Barrels, provided he has a sufficiency, wherewith to supply the other Works.

Benjamin King appointed Captain of the armed Boat called The Plater, and the Governor & Council agree to allow him eleven Pounds ꝑ month for his Services, as Captain thereof.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Robert Cummins fifteen hundred Pounds, to be accounted for.

C. C. [Council to Capt. Nicholson.]

In Council Annapolis 24th Ap^l^ 1777.

Sir.

We have received repeated Accounts of your having impressed and detained a Number of Seafaring Men and others who either resided in, or were occasionally at Baltimore Town, and that, besides the Wrong to the Individuals, its Consequences have been injurious to the Town, in deterring People from going to Market there, for fear of being treated in the same Manner. We do not know that you can have any Authority, under which to justify such Violence, or to interfere in any Manner with any person who has not voluntarily

inlisted in the Continental Marine Service. If you have any Person under Colour of his being impressed, we require you, instantly to discharge him, and to forbear from a further Exercise of such an unwarrantable Power. It is the Office of Government to protect every Subject in his Liberty and his Property, nor shall we, who are honored by our Country with the highest Department, be idle Spectators of the Oppression of any Man in it. C. C.

To Capt James Nicholson of the Virginia } We are &ca

[Gov. Johnson to Gov. Henry.] 35

Annapolis 24th Apl 1777.

Sir.

Immediately on my Receipt of your Letter of the 12th of March; I laid it before the General Assembly. Agreeing in Opinion with you that unless we had a Force previously established on the Eastern Shore, in Case of a Descent, you could with great Difficulty at best, afford Assistance from the Western Shore, and persuaded the like Obstructions might equally disable us from transporting Men across the Bay, I thought it adviseable a small Regular Force should be established in the upper Part of Somerset County, to which the well affected from all Parts might occasionally resort; That such a Force would prevent a Junction of the Tories in Sussex, Somerset and Worcester, and in some Sort their Intercourse, and that small Parties, in light Boats, might well take favourable Opportunities to cross the Bay, when they were sure of joining a Body, as soon as they landed. I communicated my Idea to some Gentlemen of the Congress, and suggested the Propriety of having one of the Continental Battalions, raised in this State, stationed on the Eastern Shore. Our Assembly viewed the Matter in much the same Light, and made Application for a Battalion but before their Resolution reached Congress, that Honorable Body took up the Subject, and came to the inclosed Resolution, which I received yesterday, in Consequence of which, Orders are gone to Colo Richardson, who is judged equal, in every Respect, to this Service, and Measures will soon be taken to embody the 300 Militia as well as to render the Militia at large eventually serviceable.

I join in Sentiment with you, as to the Utility of stationing Gallies on the Eastern Shore; some of ours are designed for that Service, but our utmost Efforts have not yet been effectual to get any one completely fitted. We have three in the Water, partly manned, and three others ready, or very nearly ready, to launch, but have not been able, as yet, to get a Suffi-

c. c. ciency of Cordage or Hands for the first three. The fitting out of the Gallies, is an Object of the first attention with us, will be prosecuted as such, and as soon as any of them are fit, they will be ordered below, where we shall be glad to hear some of yours are ready to act in Concert with them. The Removal of the Stock, agreeable to the Recommendation of Congress, appeared to our Assembly impracticable. An Officer of ours, one Mr Courts, who was taken at Long Island and lately exchanged, informs me that it was said in New York a Little before he came from thence, that Genl Burgoyne had arrived in Chesapeake with 10000 Troops; This I look on as a Confirmation, in some Measure, of our Former Intelligence, that the Enemy design to send Genl Burgoyne with that Force against us; if it takes Place, we shall chearfully render every Assistance in our Power, and expect the Aid of our Neighbours, as Circumstances may make necessary. Nothing further occurs to me, at present, if there should, I shall frankly communicate, and hope to be favoured from Time to Time, with your Sentiments on this or any other Subject, in which both States are interested

I am Sir with very great Respect & Esteem,

Y^r^ most obed^t^ humble Servt

Governor Henry.

36 [Council to Col. Richardson.]

In Council Annapolis 24th Ap^l^ 1777.

Sir.

We have inclosed you the Resolutions of Congress of the 19th Inst. received yesterday; you will Mention only such Part of them as is proper to be generally known. Some Part of each of the Maryland Battalions, has already marched to Philadelphia, and from the Information we have received, we are induced to think yours is as weak as either of them. We are not now sorry that it has happened so, as there are many Reasons which make it desirable you should command the Force designed to cover the Eastern Shore. We have therefore according to the Power given us by Congress, appointed your Battalion for this Service, and desire you will immediately give Orders for such of them as have marched to return, and appoint the general Rendezvous of your Battalion at Cambridge. We are very desirous of seeing you here, as soon as it may be safe to you, to settle the Plan of embodying the 300 Militia, and providing Tents, Subsistance &^ca^ for the whole, as well as the Spot for Encamping. We also inclose you a Copy of Part of a Letter from Mr Morris, from which, we expect some Arms are at Dover for us, pray send

an Officer, or some trusty Hand to receive them and have C. C.
them lodged at a convenient Place for you.

To Col° William Richardson We are &ca

Inclosing as above, and an Order to deliver the Arms to Col° Richardson or his Order.

[Council to N. Smith.]

In Council Annapolis 24th Apl 1777.

Sir.

The Board of War lately wrote to the Governor to remove the Scotch Prisoners in Baltimore, from thence. We have understood they were carried off with some Detachment of the Maryland Continental Regiments. Advise us if there are any, and what Prisoners, in Baltimore Town, that proper Order may be taken.

Capt Nathl Smith We are &ca

April 25th 1777. C. B.

Present the same members, as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Charles Wallace Howard fifty Pounds, on Acct

Recruiting Warrant issued to Thomas Bromfield of Somerset County to enlist men for the ship Defence, during the War, the Term of three years, or the cruize according to the usual Terms of Privateers.

April 26th 1777.

Present the same members, as on yesterday.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captain George Cooke one hundred pounds on Acct

Recruiting Warrant issued to John Handy to enlist men for the Ship Defence.

[Council to Hancock.] C. C.

Annapolis 26th Apl 1777.

Sir.

Permit us, through you, to lay before Congress, a Copy of a Letter wrote by us to Capt James Nicholson, and of his Answer thereto. We do not know nor can conjecture what Reasons Capt Nicholson can have, to think Congress will not

C. C. disapprove of his Conduct as stated by himself. We know very well, that by the Laws and Constitution of this State, no Man in it can be pressed into any Service, and we flatter ourselves, that any supposition that the Congress will countenance such a flagrant Violation of the Rights of the People within this State, is as false as injurious to that Honorable Body. We are very desirous that Congress will give immediate Orders for the Discharge of every impressed Man, and we submit to Consideration, whether the Gross Conduct of Capt Nicholson, and the Contempt in which he holds the executive Power of this State, does not make his Dismission from the Service, not only proper, but, to preserve the Confidence of this State, in the Justice of the Congress, and its Regard for our internal Government, highly necessary.

We are Sir with the highest Respect
Your most obed^t humble Servt

To His Exc^y
The Presid^t of the Congress
Express.

39 [Council to Delegates in Congress.]

Annapolis 26th Ap^l 1777.

Gent.

This accompanies our Letter to Congress, complaining of Capt Nicholson's Conduct, we have inclosed you Copies of that, as well as of a Letter we wrote to and answer we received from him. We had, as we stated to Capt Nicholson, received Information of his having pressed a Number of Men, which he avows, and that many People bound to Baltimore by Water hearing of it, turned back, and that even some of the back People had declined going there with their Waggons for fear of being pressed. Capt Nicholson seems to expect an Approbation from Congress, we shall very reluctantly believe any Countenance will be given by that Body to such tyranical Proceedings, if there should, we have very little Business in our present Stations, nor do we care how soon it is generally known, if the Fact is that the Power of the Continental Officers is universal and in no wise controulable by any internal Civil Authority in the separate States. Capt Nicholson's Reasoning will as well prove his Right to press every Man in the State, if he thinks it necessary, as any Man in it. If he saw the Necessity of this Measure, he might have applied to the Assembly, sitting at the Time he began this extraordinary Business. It is much our Wish to have the Resolutions of Congress as soon as possible, as it is likely, if there's any Delay the Frigate will sail before the Result is known here.

The Honble Delegates from
Maryland, in Congress

We are Gent
with great Esteem
Y^r most obed^t Serv^ts

[Washington to Gov. Johnson.] C. C. Original.

Head quarters, Morris Town 26th April 1777

Sir: I am honoured with yours of the 19th inclosing a list of the Field officers of your Battalions, with the arrangement of their Rank. I have never received Returns from any of the Colonels, except Colo Price, of the state of their Regiments; if Genl Smallwood is at Annapolis, be kind enough to desire him to collect them and transmit them to me as soon as possible.

I have the Honor to be, Sir,
Your most obt Servt
Go Washington

[N. Smith to Gov. Johnson.] Original.

Sir Baltimore 26th April 1777.

I wrote you yesterday by Express, Informg there was no Prisoners of War in this Town, this day Arriv'd here, under a Guard, Commanded by Lievt Benja Hoomes of the 2d Virginia Regement, fourty seven Helanders Six Woman & one Child two Graniders of the 14th Regiment Taken at the grate Bridge in Virginia, Lievt Hoomes informs me his Orders are to leave this next Monday.

Mr Fendal takes this to his house from which have desired him to send express to you.

I am Your Excellenceys
Mo Obedt Hhble Servt
Nathl Smith

April 28th 1777. C. B.

Present the same members, as on Saturday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to George Robertson four Pounds, ten shillings for Amt of Acct

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Captain George Cooke three hundred and forty yards of Hendal Cotton.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Revd Walter Harrison by order & pr Draught of Jenifer & Hooe one hundred pounds on Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Doctr Barton Tabbs seventy two pounds, ten shillings, for Amt of Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to William Whatcroft forty five pounds, one shilling and six Pence for Amt of Acct

The Reverend Mr John Bowie having made his Appearance, according to the Condition of his Bond dated the 29th Day of March last. It is ordred that the said Bowie until the further order of the Governor & Council be confined to Montgomery County, and that part of Prince George's County which lies to the westward of the Road leading from Addison's Ferry on

C. B. Potowmack River through Upper Marlbro to Queen Anne on Patuxent.

Ordered, That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut[t] Colonel Smith, for the use of the fourth Regiment fifty Blankets and one hundred pair of Shoes.

C. C. 40

[Council to Col. Richardson.]

In Council Annapolis 28th Ap[l] 1777.

Sir

We are informed that several Gentlemen who have had recruiting Warrants delivered by the Committees or the Council of Safety and most of them been supplied with Money to recruit Men in the seven Battalions to be raised as the Quota of this State, not having been gratified in their Appointments to the Height of their Expectations, have attempted to transfer their Recruits to the sixteen Battalions. If any such Attempt should be made by any Person on your Shore, you are to take the Recruits into your Regiment and inform us of the Fact with its Circumstances; for we are determined that every Man, if it is in our Power, who has been raised towards the Quota of this State, shall be so applied. We are Sir &[ca]

Col[o] Richardson.

C. B.

April 29th 1777.

Present the same members, as on yesterday.

Ordered That Western Shore Treasurer pay to Jacob Nichols fifty shillings for Am[t] of Acc[t]

That the said Treasurer pay to Michael Ott forty five shillings for Am[t] of Acc[t]

Captain Richard Coward agrees to go Master of the Dolphin at the Rate of eleven pounds Currency ꝑ month

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to W[m] Goldsmith twenty Pounds, eighteen shillings & three Pence for Bal[c] of Acc[t]

C. C. 41

[Gov. Johnson to Gov. Henry.]

Annapolis 29th Ap[l] 1777.

Sir

This Morning Commodore Brooke delivered me your Letter of the 25th Ins[t] I immediately laid it before the Council and sent for the Cap[t] of our Ship Defence to consult on the Subject; we have had a very free Conversation with him and Commodore Brooke. I wrote you the 24th giveing you an Account of the Condition of our Row Gallies, it is not

much mended, the forwardest of them is on the lower Part of our Eastern Shore with Intention to exercise the Hands she has and endeavour to get more. The Defence is lying here, merely for want of Hands, she has now about 60 and wants at least as many more, we are using our utmost Endeavours to get them, but the Privateers and the high Wages given by Merchants, make it very difficult to get men of any Sort. We have for some Time expected Capt Nicholson down, in the Virginia, though all we know is from Report, having little Correspondence with him. From some late Instances of his Conduct, there is no great Probability of our Wishes or Advice influencing him in any Degree, yet, if there was any Hope of clearing the Bay with his Assistance, the Council and I would instantly Request it, and, if necessary apply to Congress, for Orders to him; but Commodore Brooke and Capt Cooke, concurring in opinion with us, that our Force collected, would be too much inferior to that of a forty Gun Ship and Frigate, in a situation where the Row Gallies could not probably act with Effect, any Application to Capt Nicholson or the Congress would, it is thought, be useless. We have no Doubt but the Congress would, if it was in their Power, order a Frigate or two round from Delaware, but, from what we are informed, it is impracticable to get them out, there being, according to the last Accounts from Philadelphia nine Men of War within, or about the Capes of that Bay, they have been too successful in their Depredations on the American Trade. As soon as we can get any of our Row Gallies ready they will be ordered down, in such a Situation, that they may be easily collected to take the Advantage of a Calm and with Orders to act in Concert with yours, it is our Idea that, in a Calm, an Attack might be decisive against a Man of War, and that if the Row Gallies should be worsted, they might, almost certainly retreat. We have only the Number of eighteen Pounders, appropriated by our Legislature, to our Forts; some of our Gallies would well carry twenty four's perhaps thirty two's; the Congress agreed with the Messrs Hughes's for a great Number of heavy Cannon, some of which, we hope, will soon be made, we propose to apply for a few of them for our Gallies, and shall write pressingly to the Contractors to forward them. We look on this State equally interested with yours, in the Defence of the Bay, are heartily disposed to contribute to it, and are indeed sorry that it is not in our Power, jointly with your State to effect it.

C. C.

Governor Henry We are &^ca

April 30th 1777. C. B.

Present the same members, as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Captain George Cooke Cruder sufficient to make ninety Hammocks

C. B. That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captain George Cooke one hundred pounds, on Acc^t^

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Brooke Hodgskin forty four pounds for Am^t^ of Acc^t^

Commission of Letter of Marque and Reprisal issued to Benjamin Chew Captain, of the Ship Chase, mounting six Carriage Guns, and navigated by twenty men.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to James Taylor eight pounds and nine pence, for Am^t^ of Acc^t^

That the said Treasurer pay to Major Daniel Jenifer Adams for the use of the Seventh Regi^t^ three thousand Dollars, being Part of the sum required by Colonel Gunby.

C. C. 42 [Council to Norton and Beall.]

In Council Annapolis 30th Ap^l^ 1777.

Gen^t^

There is a pretty large Quantity of Medicines belonging to this State lying at Petersburgh, the Packages are marked MC. N° 1. a large Cask, and from N° 2 to 11, inclusive, Barrels. We shall be much obliged to you, as we understand there is a frequent Intercourse between Petersburgh and your Store at Williamsburgh, if you will be kind enough to order them down and have them taken Care of 'til we send for them, which shall be soon. We are &^ca^

Messrs Norton and Beall.

43 [Gov. Johnson to Col. Price.]

In Council Annapolis 30th Ap^l^ 1777.

Sir.

Major Adams tells the Council and myself that several Virginia and Pennsylvania Officers are recruiting with you, and that they even go so far as to inlist People's Servants. This unfair Practice we are determined to prevent and I have resolved, with their Advice, to publish a Proclamation against it. We may strip our Country of every Man in it able to bear Arms, and not furnish our Quota still. If nothing less will do to prevent this ungenerous Proceeding it is the Desire of the Council and myself, that you give Orders to the Maryland Officers to take away every Man inlisted in this State by the Virginia and Pennsylvania Officers, and keep them in our Battalions, whether Freemen or Servants. If any of the Officers of the sixteen Battalions are recruiting, we do not intend to obstruct their inlisting Freemen, but they have no Right, nor are to be permitted, to inlist Servants or Appren-

tices. Be pleased to make this Resolution known to the Virginia and Pennsylvania Officers, as you may have Opportunities that they may exert themselves properly in their own States to raise their own Proportions. We are Sir &ca C. C.

To Colo Thos Price

May 1st 1777. C. B.

Present the same members, as on yesterday.

George Ross appointed first Lieut of the Ship Defence, he having served from the eighteenth Day of March last.

John Rogers appointed second Lieut of the Ship Defence, he having served from the eleventh Day of March last.

Samuel Walker appointed Master of the Ship Defence, he having served from the twenty second Day of April.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captain George Cooke three hundred Pounds on Acct

Ordered That Mr Isaac McHerd on Saturday the tenth Instant deliver out the three hundred Bushels of Country made Salt lately brought in by Mr Wallace to such of the Inhabitants of this State, who will apply for the same in quantities not exceeding one Bushel to a Family, and at the Rate of three Dollars per Bushel.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Major Danl J: Adams twenty Suits of Cloaths for the use of the Seventh Regiment.

That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Benedict Swope for the use of Van Bibber and Crockett by order of Jenifer and Hooe two thousand pounds, on Acct

That Doctor Robert Welch attend the Governor and Council with Lieutenant Smith, and also bring with him the Boy whom he brought from the Jersey's and Lieutenant Smith is hereby empowered to enforce the Execution of this order.

That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to William Goldsmith one hundred pounds to be accounted for.

The Governor and Council agree with Thomas Hyde for the Rent of his Tan yard, Utensils, and House thereto belonging at the Rate of fifty pounds ꝑ Annum, and the sum of one hundred pounds for the Bark now at the said Tan-Yard.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to George Gordon four pounds for a Gun.

That the said Treasurer pay to Captn John Gibbons one hundred pounds, five Shillings and two pence for Balc Acct

[Council to J. Campbell.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis May 1st 1777. 44

Sir

We are very desirous of sending to the Havannah for a Quantity of Bark and a few other Capital Druggs essential

c. c. for the Army and exceedingly wanted for Use in the Country. It is our Idea that a Gen[t] of understanding and Address, ought to be sent on this Business, and, from a Conversation with M[r] Davidson, we are encouraged to think, your Affairs would permit you to undertake this Matter for the Public; if they will, we should be glad to see you soon to talk the Subject over and adjust a Plan. We are &[ca]

To Cap[t] James Campbell

Original. [Benjamin Rumsey to Gov. Johnson.]

Sir: I promised the Officers of our State passing thro' this Town to write to you on a subject that gives them much Concern. They have no Commissions and they say Government engaged to send them to this Place, and if they are taken without they will be treated as private soldiers. I could wish they might be satisfied.

Congress being informed to day by Gen[l] Schuyler that 100 men of Col[o] Richardson's men were now in this City have ordered them up to Camp, and given you a Power to detain 100 or as many out of any other men of any of the weaker Battallions in Maryland as are here of that Battallion.

An Act of Parliament has to day been received making it Felony for our men to fight on the ocean ag[t] the King of Britain. I have not seen or heard it. Mr. Smith has, but does not remember it well enough to give a particular Acc[t]

The Enemy are landing their Cannon &c. on Staten Island supposed to be for an Attack on this Town. This D[r] Wetherspoon hath this day rec[d] advice off.

I am afraid the 2000 arms will not be granted by a Lre. from Mr. Lee of the 20th Feby. from Bordeaux in his way to Paris. Burgoine with 10,000 Germans & 3000 British Troops are to attack Boston; How Philadelphia, Carlton the back settlements &c, yet we will take every favourable opportunity we can to procure them. This will be from Carlisle I imagine.

I need not apologise for the Delay of the Express. My Colleague and myself have done all we could to send him off sooner but the House have been 3 Days squabling ab[t] what might have been done in three minutes.

I am, Sir, your Excellency's most humble servant

May 1 Philad[a] [1777] Benjamin Rumsey

Original. [R. Morris to Gov. Johnson.]

Philad[a] May 1st 1777

Dear Sir

I have seen with a good deal of Concern what appears to me an unfortunate dispute between your Excellency and Cap[t]

Nicholson in consequence of his having followed the example of his Brother officer who have for sometime been Impressing men into the Naval Service of the Continent in this Port. C. C.

The practice of Impressing Seamen cannot be supported on any other principle then necessity and I am confident it is a practice as pernicious to the Commercial Interests of a Country as destructive of the Civil Liberty of those Individuals who become its Victims, under these opinions you will readily see I cannot advocate the measure, nothing but the prospect of great Public advantages to result from a well manned navy wou'd have induced me to be silent whilst these things were doing here, but it was properly the business of the Executive power of the State to notice & stop the practice, they have not interfered & that probably because they saw & considered the force of necessity, perhaps as great disadvantages might have resulted to the State of Maryl^d^ had you only checked this business so far as it had come before you by Complaint from Individuals whose particular situations or Circumstances might have called for exemption & protection, remember I don't offer these as fixed Sentiments or as proper considerations in a settled peaceable Government, because I know they are inconsistant with it but in times of Invasion & War especially such a War as ours, it seems to me that forcing out Militia against their will which I believe to have been much practiced is an equal infringement of Liberty with the Impressing of them for a limited time per the Naval service yet is to be observed that, it has hitherto been the practice at the end of every Cruize or Voyage made by our Continental Ships the men have had their liberty again, in the British Navy they are generally impressed for Life. Thus much in Paliation only, with respect to Capt Nicholson he certainly deserves severe reprehension, the terms of his letter are quite unwarrantable & not a single member of Congress offered to support him, you will see that the Resolves of Congress place him in your power so far as he values his Commission & at present he is at the head of the American Navy but I think the dispute unfortunate because I have been taught to believe him an excellent & Capable officer, the loss of such a one will be a real misfortune to the Continent & yet I think he ought to be dismissed unless by satisfactory submission he attones for the offensive Stile of his letter which I suppose to have been written in warmth inflamed by the Violence of that Species of Whiggism that savoûrs more of passion than true Patriotism, I am told he is of a high Spirit and that it is doubtful if he will make the Confessions he ought. I wish not to be guilty of an improper interferance & shall only repeat that if he was dismiss'd the service it will be a heavy

c. c. loss, especially as the next in Command (Capt Manly) is vastly his inferiour in abilities, & knowing as I do how much your Excellency wishes to promote the Service of America, I cou'd not refrain from mentioning my notions on this Subject. There is also another matter that gives me concern & that is the detention of Continental Troops on the Eastern Shoar to keep Forces in order at a time when Genl Washington cou'd strike a Capital stroke was he reinforced by those & others that ought to join him, I wish you wou'd think of this & order them to march on, other means may be found to keep the Forces in order there, you will merit & require the thanks of the continent if you think proper to improve this hint, the resolve of Congress for detaining them was obtained in consequence of your letter to me on that Subject. The Arms that came on the Ship blown up at our Capes I am told are pretty generally damaged in the explosion, the Continent had 2500 on board & for your State 500, but the Packages are all blown to pieces and the muskets mixed therefore of what is saved we must receive in proportion & I am now sending for the whole to this City to have them put in order & divided, that done I will inform your Excellency or the Council of Safety & deliver what I receive as my proportion to their order.

The Continent also rec^{d} when at Balt^{o} 52 bbls of the Powder I imported for your State, supposing it theirs, I will get an order for it & send the same down, for I think that Powder is still at Baltimore.

I am very respectfully
Your Excell^{ys} most obedient
Very hble Servant
Robt Morris

To His Excell^{y}
Thos Johnson jun^{r} Esqr

45 [Council to Lux and Bowly.]

In Council Annapolis 2^{d} May 1777.

Gent.

The fitting the Row Gallies is an Object we have much at Heart, as our and the Public Confidence is, in great Measure placed in them for the Defence of the Bay. We therefore wish you to forward their Rigging all you can. We are desirous the Public should be as cheap and well served as Individuals; we cannot expect it will be better; if you secure yourselves on a Rise, we expect to be benefitted by a Fall in the Price of Hemp, if it should happen. We are Gen^{t} &^{ca}

Messrs Lux and Bowley
Baltimore

May 3rd 1777. C. B.

Present the same Members, as on the first instt

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captn Nathl Smith one hundred and fifty nine Pounds, four shillings and eleven pence, for Amt of Acct

[Council to Norton and Beall.] C. C. 46

Annapolis 3d May 1777.

Gent

We have some Goods in Statia in the Hands of Mr Stevenson, which we shall be obliged to you to forward in small quick sailing Vessels; we would have them divided in as many such as conveniently may be. If there should be Difficulties in shipping the Goods immediately to the Continent, we shall be obliged to you to write Mr Stevenson to forward them to our Agent Mr Harrison at Martinique.

Messrs Norton & Beall. We are &ca

[B. Rumsey to Gov. Johnson.] Original.

Phil. May 3. 1777

Sir

I take the Liberty to inclose to your Excellency a Letter written by Major Forrest to Col Rumsey on the Subject of the Officers Commissions.

Many of them have passed thro' this Town in their Way to Camp and are exceedingly uneasy at not having them, they continually wait on the Delegates agreeable to the Expectations hinted at in the inclosed Letter and are greatly disappointed and much dejected at marching up without Commissions as they say they will be used but as common men without them if they have the Misfortune to be taken by the Enemy.

Another Source of Discontent arises from the giving those Commissions Dated the 9th of April last to whom Commissions were before given by the Commissioners on the 10th Decr 1776 they say they have been in the publick Service from that Time and it is hard they should lose both their Rank and Pay

A like Complaint is made by such as were appointed by the Commissioners they think their Rank and Pay ought to be from the 10th Decr 1776 as the Want of Commissions was the only Reason they were not made out for them.

At their pressing Entreaty I have a Second Time wrote to your Excellency and if the Matter appears to you of the same

C. C. Importance as to them beg you will send up the whole Arrangement to the Delegates and the Sentiments of our State relative to it I have promised them that if agreeable to you they should be sent to Camp.

I only wait for the Arrival of Mr Paca to decamp, he is not yet arrived or your Excellency might not possibly be troubled on the Subject at all by

Your Excellency's
Most humble Servant
Benjamin Rumsey

Philada May 3d 1777

Original.

[Col. Gist to Gov. Johnson.]

Baltimore 3d May 1777.

Sir

Mr Hugh Young of this place having a parcel of Goods lately arrived here among which are coarse Hats, Jackets, Gaiters, Black Stocks, Knee Garters &c suitable for Soldiers which he Informs me he has promised you & Council the refusal of; in consequence of which I have dispatched an Officer of my Regiment Express, to Inform you that there are a number of Soldiers now in Town of Colo Halls and my Bat. waiting for necessary Cloathing to Equip them for Camp from the number of Troops already forwarded to Philadelphia the above articles has become a scarcity at that place, and the soldiers are detained there sometime before they can possibly be furnished therewith

Mr Young requests me to Inform you that in order to prevent any detention of the troops here, that he is willing to leave the Valuation of the Cloathing to any two Indifferent persons, which I hope will meet your approbation so far as to Induce you to give us an order for such of them as we may think necessary to Expedite their march to Camp

I am Sir
Your Mo Obedt
Very Hum Servant
M. Gist Colo 3d Regt

C. B.

May 5th 1777.

Present as on the third instant.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Bullen two hundred & fifty five Pounds for Amt of Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Wm Wilkins three hundred pounds, on Acct of Fortifications at Annapolis.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Randall Admr of William Buckland sixteen Pounds for House Rent ꝑ Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to George Gordon eight Pounds, for two musqt[s] C. B.

[Gist to Gov. Johnson.] C. C. Original.

Baltimore 5th May 1777

Sir: Major Davis from Virginia arriv'd here a few days ago with 50 prisoners, the principal part of which are Highlanders, but being informed by Col° Gurney that no Cartel has been settled for their Exchange, and that those already sent forward to Philadelphia have been order'd back to Lancaster, I have, in order to avoid unnecessary trouble and Expence, taken the liberty to detain them in this town, untill the pleasure of the Board of War shall be known relative to their further destination; if I have Exceeded the line of my duty in this department, the good Intention with which it was done I hope will sufficiently appologize for the Error. In the mean time should you have received any Instructions from Congress concerning the prisoners, shall be glad to be honored with your commands that they may be dispos'd of accordingly. I wrote you the 3d Instant ꝑ Express, requesting the favor of you to forward me an order for Cloathing, of which Col° Rumsey who lately left Phil[a] can particularly Inform you—shall be glad you wou'd dispatch the Express, to enable me to forward the troops to Camp.

I have the honor to be, sir,
Your mo. obedient, very hum. Servant
M. Gist Col° 3d Reg[t]

N. B. Since the above I am credibly Inform'd that a Certain Doct[r] Kennedy late of this Town is now with the Enemy in New York. He has left sundry medicines here which are much wanting in the continental Army.

His Excellency Governor Johnson

May 6th 1777. C. B.

Present the same members, as on yesterday.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Samuel Barber twelve pounds, for Am[t] of Acc[t]

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt[n] W[m] Galbraith one hundred and eighty three pounds, sixteen shillings and eight Pence for Am[t] of Acc[t]

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt[n] W[m] Galbraith thirty shillings for Am[t] of Acc[t]

C. C.
47

[Circular to Colonels.]

In Council Annapolis 6th May 1777.

Sir.

Inclosed you have a Resolution of Congress of the 19th Apl It was thought necessary for the Security and Quiet of the Eastern Shore, that a small Body of Men should be ready on the Spot. Colo Richardson's Battalion is ordered on this Service, and we are persuaded, if we can soon raise the 300 Militia, and the lower Counties the 100, they will, together prevent our being disturbed by a small Force and may, in Case a more formidable one should be sent there, serve as a Body for the Militia at large to resort to. Colo Richardson is of Opinion with us that the 300 had best be composed of 5 Companies consisting of 1 Captain 2 Lts 1 Ensign 1 Drum & Fife 4 Sergeants 4 Corporals and 46 Privates each, and that as Somerset and Worcester lie most convenient to reinforce this Body, the Militia be got, if possible from the other Eastern Shore Counties, which will be at about the Rate of half a Company from each Battalion, a Number that can be easily spared. You will therefore call your Battalion together, and you and the other Field Officers of it, are to recommend a proper Person to us for a Captain and another for Ensign of a Company, and assist them all in your Power to enroll 30 Men who, with 26 to be enrolled by the two Lieuts from some neighbouring Battalion are to form one of the Companies. The Commissions shall issue on the Men being raised, a Capt 20, first Lieut 14, 2d Lieut 12 and Ensign 10, and the Officers to rank as they shall enroll their Quotas.

We shall endeavour to supply the Militia with necessary Cloathing on the same moderate Terms as the Regulars; we have Tents to supply them with, and they shall be well treated in every Respect, and receive the same Pay as the Continental Troops. If any should supply themselves with good Musquets and Bayonets, we will make an Allowance of 10/ to such. As soon as the Men enroll, their Officers are to march them forward to join Colo Richardson in Somerset County. You will be pleased to acknowlege the Receipt, as soon as it gets to your Hands and as soon as possible, advise us of your Success, no Time is to be lost and if this Method, contrary to our Hopes and Expectations, should not succeed, some other must be fallen on. We have inclosed you the Form of an Inrollment, and are Sir &ca

Inrollmt

We the Subscribers do hereby enroll ourselves to serve as Maryland Militia, under the Resolution of Congress of the 19th Day of April last, until the 10th Day of December next,

unless sooner discharged by the Executive Authority of this State. Witness our Hands C. C.

Circular

To the Col^{os} of the Eastern Shore.

May 7th 1777. C. B.

Present the same members, as on yesterday.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Henry Treen three pounds, for Am^{t} of Acc^{t}

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Lieu^{t} John Jacobs for use of Lt Col^{o} Ford two hundred and fifty Pounds, on Acc^{t} of Sixth Regiment.

Thomas Elliott appointed one of the Coroners of Baltimore County and Commission issued.

May 8th 1777.

Present the same members, as on yesterday.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Cornelius Garretson six Pounds, for Am^{t} of Acc^{t}

Commissions Issued to	Wm Bordley	app^{d} Colonel
	Wm Ringgold Junr	Lt Col^{o}
	Richd Graves	1 Major
	John Page	2^{d} d^{o}
	Jere: Nichols	Q^{r} M^{r} of

the 13th Battalion of militia in Kent County.

Also to	Isaac Spencer	app^{d} Colonel
	Wm Henry	Lt Col^{o}
	Jon^{n} Worth	1st Major
	Wm Maxwell Junr	2^{d} ditto

of the 27th Battalion of Militia in Kent County.

Recruiting Warrant issued to Saml Sadler appointed a recruiting Sergeant for the Artillery Service.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Samuel Sadler fifty pounds, to be applied for the Purpose aforesaid.

Commissions issued to	Saml Thompson Junr	app^{d} Col^{o}
	John Seney	Lt Col^{o}
	R^{d} Tilghman (son of M^{a})	1 Major
	Elijah Bishop	2^{d} d^{o}
	Saml Wickes	Q^{r} M^{r} of

fifth Battalion of Militia in Queen Anne's Coty.

C. B. Commissions issued to Wm Hemsley — appd Colo
Arthur Emory — Lt Colo
Jas O'Bryan — 1 Major
James Barnes — 2d Do
Jas Chatham — Qr Mr
of the twentieth Battalion in Queen Anne's County.

Henry Stevenson appointed Sheriff upon the Resignation of Wm Aisquith of Balto County, and Commission issued.

James Belt appointed Captain of the Galley Johnson, and Commission issued.

John Gordon appointed first Lieutenant of the Row Galley Johnson and Commission issued.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captn Jas Bell three hundred Pounds, on Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Hezekiah Ford, Serjeant in Captn Veazey's Company four Pounds, twelve shillings and eight Pence, for his Cloathing last Campaign.

C. C. 48 [Council to J. Nicholson.]

In Council Annapolis 8th May 1777.

Sir

We received your Letter of the fifth Instant by the Post, directed to the Governor. We feel no Inclination to impose Terms of Concession inconsistent with the Honor of a Gentleman or Officer. Your Letter of the 25th of April conveyed an Affront to the Governor and Council; Your explicit Disapprobation of your Conduct in Writing that Letter, is but a necessary Attonement and will, as to us, be satisfactory, the Terms are left to yourself. The more Attention the Affair of impressing Men without the previous Allowance of the Legislature of this State, is viewed with, the stronger will it be seen to be our Duty to prevent it, and if any on Board the Frigate have, through Force or Fear, been induced to sign the Articles or receive the Bounty, we insist such be discharged for Freedom of Will is essential to the Validity of every Inlistment. The Apprehension that the other Officers would decline the Service, if you should not go in the Ship, has no Influence on us. We should be sorry to see such a Spirit take Place in any Body of Officers, and should assuredly rather meet than give Way to such a Humour. We are Sir &ca

Capt James Nicholson.

C. B. May 9th 1777.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Chs Wallace Esqr Paymr two thousand Pounds, on Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to John Hanson Esqr three hundred pounds, on Acc^{t} of Prisoners on Parole at that Place. C. B.

That the said Treasurer pay to Danl Jenifer Adams two thousand Dollars, on Acc^{t} of the Seventh Regiment.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Henry Stonestreet twenty four pounds, for Am^{t} of Acc^{t}

Richard Dorsey appointed Captain of a Company of Artillery in Baltimore Town, and Commission issued.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Wm Nevin & Comp^{y} forty one pounds, eighteen shillings and four pence for Am^{t} of Acc^{t}

Johnson Hayman, John Lamberron, Wm Layfield, Joshua Holloway, William Heath and Ebenezer Whaley of Worcester County discharged from Confinement upon giving Bond with security.

John Nelson of Frederick County appointed Surgeon of the sixth Regiment commanded by Col^{o} Williams.

[Council to N. Smith.] C. C. 49

In Council Annapolis 9th May 1777.

Sir

We find on Examination, the Circumstances concerning the Money left in the Hands of the Committee are a good deal perplexed. We intend to be in Baltimore soon, and, whether we touch that Money or not, give Directions as to what may appear to us immediately necessary, a Well will certainly be so, and we desire you would hire People and have a good one finished as soon as you can. If Capt Gailbrath nor the Commissary can give you an Account of the Stores we are desirous you should take an Account yourself of what you take into your Care, that merely delivering up the Stores may not be a Settlement of the Account of them. You will, as you propose remove them to the Point, if you judge that the safest Place.

Inclosed you have an Order to furnish you with Linen for Hunting Shirts and Overalls for the Artillery Companies in Baltimore. We have given Mr Dorsey a Captain's Commission as you desire, we have not filled up the Lieutenancies as your dropping the Matter with the Recommendation of Mr Dorsey makes it desirable to see you before we make any further Appointment. Mr Handy who has been very strongly recommended to us, in a marching Regiment, is desirous of serving in Dorsey's Company, and we are inclined to gratify him with such Post as may be most proper in all Circumstances. We are Sir &^{ca}

Maj^{r} Nathan^{l} Smith.

C. C.
50

[Council to J. Stull.]

In Council Annapolis 9th May 1777.

Sir.

Inclosed you have a Copy of a Letter we received from the Board of War. We have given Orders for the Removal of the Prisoners to Hagar's Town, and request your Attention to them; we shall remit you Money to pay the necessary Expences. The Officers, if any, are, under the Resolutions of Congress, to receive two Dollars, and the noncomissioned Officers and Privates 10/. per Week, for their Subsistance. We are sorry to be obliged to trouble any Gentleman with this Business, without consulting him, but we know of no Body who will more likely than yourself, take the necessary Trouble or conduct the Matter to more general Satisfaction. If any Difficulties should occur, be pleased to advise us of them. We should have sent these Prisoners to Frederick where there's already some sort of Provision, but having great Part of our Powder there, we think it very improper.

Colo John Stull. We are &ca

51

[Council to N. Smith.]

In Council Annapolis 9th May 1777.

Sir

We have received a second Letter from the War Office, desiring the Scotch Prisoners in Baltimore should be removed back. Frederick Town is the Place mentioned in the first; but the Powder's being removed there, we believe is a Circumstance not attended to. We therefore desire you will send them under Guard to Hagar's Town, with the inclosed Letter to Colo Stull, sending us a List of them.

Majr Nathl Smith We are &ca

52

[Council to J. Dashiell.]

In Council Annapolis 9th May 1777.

Sir.

The taking, or refusing the Oath of Fidelity to this State was proposed by the House of Delegates in the Tory Bill as a Criterion by which to determine the Person's Attachment to this State, but that Part of the Bill failed; Wherefore we cannot consider a Refusal to take it so criminal, as to be a proper Ground to arrest the Party. The Prisoners we discharged took it, but it was a voluntary Act. If there should be just Grounds of Suspicion of an inimical Design against the State,

entertained, by any Person we think we have the Power, and on its being made known to us, shall most certainly order such to be arrested and dispose of them in such Manner as we may think, will render the Public safe, but this Power, to be exercised on our Judgment, we cannot commit to any other, We think it will be the best way to have the Arms taken from the Insurgents, or surrendered up by them, fairly appraised and, as soon as may be, put into Repair that they may be fit for Use in Case of Necessity. There being no stated legislative Provision for Horse, we think it best that you have the Accounts stated as you judge just and right, and, as the General Assembly is properly the ultimate Judge of the Account, pay off rather within your Estimate We approve your Discharge of the Prisoners you mention, on the Terms you let them at Large, they being as we suppose, People of no great Influence. We shall soon send over a Commission under a special Act of Assembly for the Trial of the chief Offenders. The Ends of Justice, Policy and Example will be best answered by the Punishment of a Few only. C. C.

Col° Joseph Dashiell We are &ca

May 10th 1777. C. B.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Christopher Richmond Esqr Paymaster of the first Regiment five hundred pounds on Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Captn John Keltie nine pounds, seventeen shillings and two Pence for Amt of Acct

May 12th 1777.

Present as on Saturday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Frederick Green one hundred & fifty pounds on Acct

[Council to J. Stull and others.] C. C. 53

In Council Annapolis 12th May 1777.

Sir.

We received a Letter yesterday from Mr Lewis a Member of the Congress and of the Navy Board, advising us that the Frigate built in Baltimore, is now waiting for some of her Guns that lie at Hughes's Works, and inclosing us a Letter from Lieut Johns now at the Works, to Capt Nicholson, informing him that his utmost Industry cannot procure Waggons without impressing, which

c. c. Col° Stull is disinclined to do though he intended to ride with Johns to see if he could not procure Waggons by exerting his personal Influence in a private Way. We are very sorry that any Intimation of Compulsion should be necessary in a Business so easy and so essential to be performed, and would by all Means have it avoided, if possible. If Col° Stull's Exertions, for which we thank him, have not proved effectual, we request you will use your Endeavour severally to procure Waggons for the few Guns only immediately wanted by the Frigate offering a full Value for the Carriage and giving a Certificate of the sum to Mr Samuel Purviance of Baltimore, who will pay, on the Service being done, on Sight, if you find Waggons cannot be got on these Terms, we request you'll press Waggons sufficient for the Purpose giving them Certificates on Mr Purviance for the Money, but we repeat that we wish Compulsion to be avoided if it can, and used only to prevent the Frigates lying to the Injury of the Cause and Reproach of our State. We are &ca

John Stull, Josh Sprigg
& Doctr Schenebely

54 [Council to Deputies in Congress.]

In Council Annapolis 12th May 1777.

Gent.

We are informed by Mr. Green that he contracted with the Council of Safety for the same Sum in Proportion for printing our last Bills of Credit, as the Congress allowed for printing the Continental Bills. The Service is done, and we do not know what Allowance to make. We shall be much obliged to you if you will enquire and write us what was allowed by Congress, as we suppose the Account is in the Treasury Office. If it cannot be come at, by recurring to the Account itself, probably Hall & Sellers might give the desired Satisfaction. We are &ca

The Honbl Deputies
in Congress.

55 [Council to J. Hanson.]

In Council Annapolis 12 May 1777.

Sir

We send you by Mr Thomas Beatty £300, to pay up the Arrears, and the future Subsistance of the Prisoners in Frederick Town and are Sir &ca

The Money drawn out by the Clerk & sent.

John Hanson Esqr

May 13th 1777. C. B.

Present the same Members as on yesterday.

Daniel Beall appointed Sheriff of Washington County and Commission issued.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Beatty fifty six pounds, fifteen shillings & six Pence for Amt of Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bear twenty pounds, two shillings, and six Pence, for Amt of Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to James Carr sixteen pounds, two shillings and six Pence for Amt of Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Wm Goldsmith twenty six Pounds, eight shillings and six Pence for Amt of Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Clerk fifty Pounds, for Expresses &c:

That the said Treasurer pay to George Gordon four Pounds, for a Gun.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bullen one hundred and fifty pounds, on Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to W Adams thirteen pounds for Amt of Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to James Morgan sixty four Pounds, five shillings and nine Pence for Amt of Acct

Saint George Peale Esquire having produced to the Governor & Council his Bond duly executed, for the Performance of the Office of Register of the Land Office of the Western Shore. It was ordered that the follg Certificate be directed to the Clerk of the General Court office on the Western Shore. The within Bond was executed, and the due Execution thereof proved in Council this day, and you are hereby ordered to enter the said Bond with the Indorsements in the General Court Land Records immediately and after such Entry upon Record you are immediately to lodge the original Bond with the Clerk of the Council in the Council Office, who is hereby required to take charge of the same.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Beriah Maybury twenty six Pounds, nine shillings and three pence, for Amt of Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Price two hundred and four Pounds, fifteen shillings for Amt of Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Wm Nevin & Compy thirty eight Pounds, four shillings & nine Pence, for Amt of Acct

Such of the Collectors of Blankets, as have not made returns agreeable to the late Act of Assembly, and there are many such, are desired forthwith to send such as they may have collected to the Receivers according to their Commissions, as the public Service may not be impeded.

C. C.
56

[Council to Benedict Calvert.]

In Council Annapolis 13th May 1777.

Sir.

Mr Saint George Peale having been appointed by the General Assembly Register of the Land Office and commissioned and qualified agreeable to the Constitution and Form of Government, and given Bond and Security, as far as Circumstances can be complied with agreeable to the Old Acts of Assembly; is now entitled to the Possession of the Land Office and the Records and Papers belonging to it. We think it proper that two Lists of the Books should be made and signed by yourself and Mr Peale, one to be kept by you and the other by him. We should not have wrote to you on this Occasion, but that we are informed you decline giving up the Office to Mr Callahan, on Mr Peale's Request, on an Apprehension that the Land Office was to be conducted under your Direction as formerly; We think there is more Propriety in Mr Peale's receiving the Office in Person, against which, we hope, you will make no Objection. We are &ca

Benedict Calvert Esqr

57

[Council to Capt. Kilty.]

In Council Annapolis 13th May 1777.

Sir

We shall give the Capt who we may send down for your Ship, Orders to call on you before he goes on Board. As we are circumstanced, it would be improper to attempt getting out of the Capes, nor would we have you remove the Ship down, as was first proposed. We are &ca

Capt Kilty.

58

[Council to Jenifer and Hooe.]

In Council Annapolis 13th May 1777.

Gent

We are much obliged by yours of this Day. There's no Vessel belonging to the State ready to sail, nor any other, so nearly ready as that at Alexandria, but we shall send an Extract of your Letter to Baltimore for the Government of private Adventurers. The Blankets and Cloth are very desirable, especially the former; the Blanket Law not having fully answered the End proposed by it, wherefore we will send a Cart or Waggon for the Blankets in a Day or two, and, if you'll send us a Sample of the Cloth and the Price, we will take that too, if you are not too hard in your Terms.

Messrs Jenifer & Hooe. We are &ca

[Council to C. Lowndes.] C. C. 59

In Council Annapolis 13th May 1777.

Sir.

We are obliged to you for the Trouble you took in stating the Officer's, we understood Sergeant Ijams's, Conduct in so full and circumstantial a Manner, he is not yet come to Town, we expect him and shall make proper Inquiry and act accordingly. We are sorry that there should happen any Ground of Complaint, but shall, most surely, duly attend to any that is well founded. The Public have much Confidence in the Row Gallies, they are too backward, partly for Want of Cordage; the Price of every Thing is rising shamefully; we wish you to secure a Quantity of Hemp as soon as possible, if it cannot be certainly got under, at £3 15 0 or even at £4. If the Philadelphians take it into their Heads, and they may probably do it, they'll run up the Hemp to, perhaps 5, 6, 7 or 8£ in Frederick in a Hurry, they have no Bounds and we must have Cordage for the Row Gallies, we wish you to secure 10 or 12 Tons quickly. We are &ca

Christr Lowndes Esqr

[Council to B. Maybury.] 60

In Council Annapolis 13th May 1777.

Capt B. Maybury

Sir.

It is absolutely necessary that a Quantity of Molasses and Rice should be had for the Use of the Continental Troops now under Innoculation here, as well as for the others daily expected; as none that we know of, can be got in this Town, you'll go to Baltimore Town and endeavour to purchase, for the Use mentioned, About 1 Hhd of Molasses and about 300lb Rice; you will give a full Value for these Articles, if to be had on Contract, but if they are not to be purchased without giving an exorbitant newly advanced Price, you are to take them, having them valued and paying the Valuation We are &ca

Capt Beriah Maybury

[Council to S. Purviance, Jr.] 61

In Council Annapolis 13th May 1777.

Sir.

Mr Maybury, the Bearer of this, will receive any Shirts you may have to send us for the Continental Troops; we think it will be best to let us have 500, if you can conveniently spare so many. We are &ca

Mr Samuel Purviance Junr

C. C.
62

[Council to Young and McCreary.]

In Council Annapolis 13th May 1777.

Gent.

We had a good Deal of Conversation with Mr Beall when he was here about our Medicines which were left at Petersburgh, as well as about the Goods lodged at Eaden Town, he promised to forward all and took a Memorandm and Orders from us. When he was at Baltimore, he wrote us the 6th Inst "I have the Pleasure to inform you that your Goods are arrived here from Petersburgh and you may depend no Time shall be lost in forwarding those at Eadentown." From this we expected that our Medicines had got to Baltimore and desired Mr Duvall, when he went up to Baltimore last Saturday, to enquire for and order them down, they being much wanted, but on his Return, he could give us no Satisfaction about them. We shall be obliged to you to let us know whether you heard Mr Beall say any Thing on the Subject, or what Ground he had for writing in the Manner mentioned above. Mr Maybury has Orders to bring the Medicines with him, if they are in Baltimore. Mr Ridgely tells us that you or H. Young mentioned to him that you were inclined to let us have 500 Jackets or Coatees on a Valuation, for the Troops; they are wanted and we agree you and Mr Lux appoint Persons to fix the Price. Mr Maybury will bring them too. We are &ca

Messrs Young & McCreary.

C. B.

May 14th 1777

Present, as on yesterday.

Valentine Souther a Lad in the Independent Regulars is hereby discharged from the Service, not being fifteen years of Age, and it is ordered that he draw no Pay from the tenth Day of December, till the Time of his Discharge.

Thomas Jiams, the Person mentioned in the Letter of Mr Christopher Lowndes dated the twelfth Instant, as the officer of the recruiting Party therein mentioned appeared before the Council according to order, and was examined touching the matters mentioned in the said Letter, and confessed that he ordered the men of his party to fire, and afterwards to fix their Bayonets nearly in the manner, and on the occasion mentioned in the said Letter. It is therefore ordered that the said Thomas Jiams enter into Bond with sufficient security in the sum of one hundred Pounds Currency for his Appearance at Prince George's County Court to be held at Upper Marlbro' the third Tuesday of this Instant May, to answer for his Con-

duct towards, and in the Presence of the said Christopher Lowndes, as Magistrate in the Execution of his Office. C. B.

[Council to H. Hollingsworth.] C. C. 63

In Council Annapolis 14th May 1777.

Sir.

We are very glad to see by yours of the 10th Inst. that your Manufactory of Gun Barrels goes on to your Satisfaction. We are very desirous of having 50 of the large ones, full Inch in the Bore, those sent down were very bare Inch, well finished and sent forward to Genl Washington as soon as possible, he is desirous of having them and we think, if they are well executed, they will be very usefull. The first 20 or 25 may be sent forward, and the rest of the 50, as they are done, recommend them to the Care of your Brother, or some Body at Philadelphia who will push them along. We have not heard, for some Time past, from Mr Winters; we would, nevertheless, have you drive at the Barrels as we have a good many Locks and expect more soon; if you can get any number of your Barrels stocked and finished well, without interfering with your making the Barrels, we will send you up some Locks, if not, send us down 100, 150 or 200 Barrels, and we believe we can get them stocked here. If you can contract for Stocking and mounting, let us know the Price

Colo Henry Hollingsworth We are &ca

[Council to J. Gilpin.] 64

In Council Annapolis 14th May 1777.

Sir.

We regret, with you the Loss of any Time in erecting Barracks at the Head of Elk; we once thought of going on the Spot ourselves and, with the Assistance of the Gentlemen of the Neighbourhood, fixing on the Place and Manner of conducting the Business, but we have now little Expectation of being able to do any Thing in it personally, as we find our closest Attention is not enough for what lies in our Department. We shall therefore esteem it a particular Favor, if you, with two or three other Gentlemen of the Neighbourhood, will view a convenient Place, enquire the Price it may be had for and recommend a Person, if you know of any such who may be depended upon to lay out the Public Money and oversee the Work; if we can meet with such a Person, it will be much to our Satisfaction and the Public Interest. Any Advice or Remarks from you, will be very thankfully acknowleged by

Mr Josh Gilpin. Sir &ca

C. C. 65

[Council to Col. Richardson.]

In Council Annapolis 14th May 1777.

Sir.

Mr Andrew Porter of Capt Cosden's Company in your Battalion, has sent us his Refusal to act. Colo Rumsey, Colo Hollingsworth and Mr Josh Gilpin have strongly recommended Mr Abm Broome of Cecil County, to fill his Place of first Lieut Mr Broome was out with the Cecil Battalion this Winter, and Colo Hollingsworth mentions his having behaved with approved Spirit in two or three Skermishes. Mr Broome says several young Fellows promise to go with him. We think it not improbable that Mr Broome's being made a first Lieut would give Uneasiness to the other Officers, and we are desirous of appointing none without consulting you as we mentioned to you before, we therefore thought proper to mention Mr Broome's Appointment to you, that this Business may be conducted, as you and we think it, the most for the Public Service, and have promised to advise Mr Broome, as soon as the Appointments are made, whether he is gratified or not.

Colo Richardson We are &ca

C. B.

May 15th 1777.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Charles Wallace Howard, one hundred pounds, on Acct

Jacob Wort a Lad in the Independent Company lately commanded by Captain Bracco is hereby discharged from the Service, not being sixteen years of Age, and it is ordered that he draw no Pay from the tenth Day of December, 'till the Time of his Discharge.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Edward Timmonds twenty six Pounds for seven Musquets.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Colonel Ford fifteen hundred Dollars, on Acct of the sixth Regiment.

Jacob Norris appointed Ensign of Capt Harriss's Company in the 6th Regiment

John Watkins appointed Ensign in Captain Lawrence's Company in the 6th Regiment.

C. C. 66

[Council to S. Steward.]

In Council Annapolis 15th May 1777.

Sir.

The Governor received your Letter of yesterday last Night and we that of to Day this Moment. Capt Belt has been consulted and he thinks the Xebec had best be rigged in the

Manner of a Ship, that too is Lieu^t Gordon's Opinion, and we are desirous of gratifying them, as they will risk their own Persons in her. Belt says he thinks the Boom and Sail in the Brig Fashion will be too heavy. We do not know how we shall get Men for the State Vessels already built; they are all now useless for want of Men, therefore we cannot think of making a new Call for them, before the old is gratified. C. C.

We are every now and then called on for old Sails, for uses we know very little of, and therefore are unwilling to part from the Dolphin's. We are &^ca

Mr Stephen Steward.

[Council to Marine Committee.] 67

In Council Annapolis 15th May 1777.

Gen^t

We inclose you Copies of two Letters from Capt Nicholson, and of one from us to him. It would have given us Pleasure, more on the Captains Account than our own, if we could have wrote you long ago, that he had frankly made us the Satisfaction we had a Right to expect; but we cannot but see from his Letters, that he has no very good Will to make Concessions and that though his Friends as well as the Congress, think his first Letter justly reprehensible, he shews little Sign of a real Concern for having written it. Whether Capt Nicholson apologizes for the Affront given or not, is of but little Consequence to us, and as we believe the Congress have Expectations from him as an Officer, we wave the Point of Satisfaction to us; but as to the Discharge of the People, on which he has avoided to give us the least Satisfaction, not having said one Word on it in his Letters, we hope and expect a peremptory Order for the Discharge of such as have been impressed and that it may be done in such Manner as will give full Assurance to us that the Thing is done.

We are Gen^t

Honble Marine Committee With great Respect &^ca
Philad^a

May 16th 1777. C. B.

Present as on yesterday. Mr Polk attended

James Polk appointed Surveyor of Somerset County in the Room of Arnold Elzey deceased, and Commission issued.

Commission issued to William Gilliss appointed Sheriff of Somerset County, agreeable to the Return filed.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to James Polk Junior for the use of W^m McBryd one hundred pounds, to be expended in purchasing Peas for the public.

C. B. That the said Treasurer pay to Captn Benjamin King twenty pounds on Acc^{t}

That the said Treasurer pay to James Tooth one hundred and twenty six Pounds for Am^{t} of Acc^{t}

That the said Treasurer pay to Colonel Thomas Price two thousand, two hundred Dollars on Acc^{t} of the second Regiment.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thos Hyde one hundred and five pounds, fourteen shillings, and three pence for Am^{t} of Acc^{t}

Special Commissions of Oyer and Terminer and Goal Delivery issued to Queen Anne's County, directed to Solomon Wright, Turbut Wright, John Browne, Thomas Wright and John Thompson or any three or four of them by Virtue of the Act intitled an Act to enable the Governor to issue Commissions of Oyer and Terminer and Goal Delivery in certain Cases for the Trial of all Offences directed in the said Act committed on the Eastern Shore of this State.

C. C. 68 [Council to J. Smoot.]

In Council Annapolis 16th May 1777.

Sir.

We have taken your Plank, Scantling and Shingles for the Public and as from the Memorandom to your Skipper, you seem to have desired the Money to be paid to him, we have so ordered it. The Inch Plank, we are told, is good the Scantling and Shingles very indifferent and too high priced; therefore, unless you will moderate the Price and improve in the Quality, we shall not incline to take any more of those Articles; if you'll send us more Inch Plank good, we will take it.

Mr John Smoot. We are &^{ca}

69 [Council to S. Wright and others.]

In Council Annapolis 16th May

Sir.

We have inclosed you a Commission for the Trial of all Treasons &^{ca} committed on the Eastern Shore and also a Copy of the Act under which the Commission issued. We were induced to send the Commission to Queen Ann's, from our Expectation that the Public and the accused may rely on a fair and impartial Trial. We are informed that your County Goal, as most of the Goals on the Eastern Shore, is but indifferently calculated for the Keeping of Prisoners, wherefore we have not as yet, given Orders for the Removal of those who are here, but as soon as we know of the Time you appoint for

holding the Court, we shall send them over to the Sheriff, with a Power to call for a Guard, if he judges it necessary. We shall be obliged to you to inform us of the Time you may appoint for the holding of the Court, as well as of any Thing you may think necessary to be done by us; if any Thing should appear to you necessary, to enable you to proceed in this Business. We have inclosed you a great Number of Depositions, which we presume may answer the Purpose of Information to the Prosecutor, what Witnesses to summon, and Lists of such as have been discharged and of such as have been bound for good Behaviour and to appear, when called on; such as we have discharged, we have permitted to take the Oath of Fidelity, which, in Effect, we designed as a Pardon, the Ends of Justice and Example not requiring, in our Judgment, Prosecutions against them. We are &ca C. C.

Solo Wright, Turbutt Wright
& others

May 17th 1777. C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Commission issued to John Strawbridge appointed Sheriff of Cecil County

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Nichs Maccubbin fifty Pounds, on Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Middleton & Barry ninety five pounds, ten shillings and nine Pence for Bala of Acct

Commissions issued to Thos Hardy appd 1 Lt
Ebenezer Finley 2 Lt
Wm Judah 3 Lt of

Captain Dorsey's Company of Artillery stationed at Balt. Town.

It is the opinion of this Board that James Mead formerly a Drummer in Captn Hindman's Company now in the fifth Regiment properly belongs to the second Regiment, and that two persons mentioned in William Frazier's Deposition to have been inlisted by Pitts and Worthington now retained as Soldiers in the second Regiment belong properly to the fifth Regiment, and that all the said Persons ought respectively to be returned to their own Regiments.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Sim Lee sixty six Pounds, for forty Day's Attendance in Council.

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Sim thirty five pounds, fifteen shillings for twenty six Days Attendance in Council.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to George Gordon seven pounds, five shillings for two Guns.

C. B. Commission issued to James Anderson appointed first Lieutenant of the Galley called The Baltimore, also to John Cropper appointed second Lieutenant of Marines of same.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Governor Johnson twelve hundred Dollars Part to be delivered to Benjamin Johnson for paying for the Carriage of Powder to Fred^{k} Town, and the rest to be delivered over to the Person, or Persons having the Care of the Prisoners lately sent to Hagar's Town, for their Subsistence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain John David two hundred and sixty nine pounds, nineteen shillings and five Pence for Am^{t} of Acc^{t}

C. C. 70

[Council to S. Purviance.]

In Council Annapolis 17th May 1777.

Sir

The Bales of Shirts you sent down by Capt Maybury, got here last Night; if there's any Mistake in the Number (500) you shall be informed of it. We suppose the Congress and the Officers in the Cloathing Department will be well enough satisfied with your Charge of these Shirts as delivered to us. We shall give Credit for them and charge them as delivered out to the Colonels. It would be much to our Ease and Satisfaction, if it would in every other Respect, suit as well, that the Cloathing should go through the Hands of the Continental Officers only; that Branch takes up a good Deal of our Time and Attention. If any further Voucher should be thought necessary, we will furnish it We are &^{ca}

Mr Saml Purviance Junr

71

[Council to Young and McCreary.]

In Council Annapolis 17th May 1777.

Gent.

The Jackets are come down by Mr Maybury, we suppose the 482, they are to be applied to the Use of the Continental Troops, and we imagine that the Deputy Clothier General at Baltimore might as well draw the Money here and pay you at once for them and for what you furnished to Col^{o} Gist; if we pay you, we must draw the Money from the Continent; however, if you have any Difficulties in getting your Money from the Continental Officers, we will pay you out of our own Treasury.

The Cloathing of the Troops is a troublesome Business to us, and we wish the Continental Officers to make it as little so as possible We are &^{ca}

Messrs Young & McCreary

[Council to Norton and Beall.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 17th May 1777. 72

Gent

We have sent Mr King the Bearer of this, for the Medicines belonging to this State, which were lodged in Mr King's Store at Petersburgh. Your S. Beall promised to be so kind, as to forward them in some Vessel, bound to Balt with Directions to be lodged here, but our Necessities are so pressing that we have sent on purpose imagining that there has not been Time, as yet, for Mr Beall's Orders to have had any Effect. If the Medicines still remain at Petersburgh, we have given Mr King Order to proceed there for them, and we shall be thankful for any Assistance you may be pleased to give him We are &ca

Messrs Norton & Beall
Williamsburg

[Council to B. King.] 73

In Council Annapolis 17th May 1777.

Sir

You are to proceed in the Plater to York River in Virginia, from whence you will go by Land to Williamsburg and deliver the Letter given into your Charge to Messrs Norton & Beall, if our Medicines are there you will remove them with great Care on board your Vessel and return with them with all Dispatch. If the Medicines still remain at Petersburg, you are to go there and apply to Mr King, in whose Store they are, for them, and bring them to Williamsburg and so across, unless Messrs Norton & Beall should recommend a different Method, if they do, you'll proceed as they think best, we imagine a Boat may be had, if necessary, in the Neighbourhood of Williamsburg, to go to Petersburg. The Medicines are of great Value to us, and the Packages and Vessels which contain them, subject to break, therefore your greatest Care is expected. Mr King may want an Order from us, if desired, you will give a Receipt on this. We are &ca

Mr Benja King
Packages MC No 1 to 11
No 1 a large Cask
2 to 11. Barrels.

[Council to Maj. Smith.] 74

In Council Annapolis 17th May 1777.

Sir.

We have made the Appointments as you recommend; Mr Judah has the Commissions, you will notify Mr Handy of his

c. c. Appointment. We have ordered a Number of Jackets from Baltimore to this Place with Intention to cloath the Troops who are to march, it is the first Object, many have been marched off very illy provided and some almost naked, it is a great Discouragement to the recruiting Service, it is of vast Consequence to fill up our Quota as far as possible and we consider well cloathing the Troops as soon as inlisted, as a Step towards it.

You may be assured the Artillery Companies shall soon have our Attention. We are &ca

Maj^r Smith

75 [Council to G. Wells.]

In Council Annapolis 17th May 1777

Sir.

Capt Walker requested our Directions to you, as to finishing the upper Works of the Vessel you are now building for the Public, whether we would have it done in the Ship or Galley Fashion; he says he thinks it would not be inconven^t to you to delay the Finishing of her 'till the one Capt Walker is in is rigged, if so we should be glad you would delay it 'till an Experiment can be made, by which it may fairly be determined which is best We cannot procure men for those already in the Water, so that the Public will not suffer by the Delay. If you cannot, with Convenience delay the finishing, we are inclined to think it best to do it in the Manner of a Ship. We are &ca

Mr Geo. Wells.

Original. [Gist to Gov. Johnson.]

Baltimore, 17th May 1777

Sir: I have this moment received a letter from Major Forrest at Camp, informing me that the Officers of my Bat. are much dissatisfied that they have not received their Commissions agreeable to appointment from the Assembly of this State. I should be extremely happy to have it in my power to remove this complaint by forwarding their Commissions pr. first Opp^y

I shall set out for Camp myself on Monday morning; if you have any blank Commissions shall be glad to have them filled up and forwarded to me p the return of Mr. Jno. McLane, who will be here early on Monday; if not, a Certificate from you to the Hon. the Congress, to have them filled up in Phil^a will much oblige Your mo. Obd^t H. Servt

M. Gist.

May 28th 1777. C. B.

Present as on the seventeenth inst^t except Mr Sim. Mr Rogers attended.

Ordered That Benjamin Johnson Keeper of the Magazine at Frederick Town deliver six Trumpets to Captn John Swan for the use of the Continental Horse, for which he is to take a receipt, and transmit the same to the Governor & Council, that the Continent may be charged therewith, at the Rate of forty five shillings each.

By Virtue of the Resolution of Congress of the sixth Day of May instant, William Aisquith of Baltimore Town, Zachariah Mackubbin Junior of Baltimore County and Philip Rogers of Baltimore Town are appointed Superintendants of the Press, or Presses in Baltimore Town employed in printing the Continental Bills of Credit, in the Room of those, who were appointed by Congress, and have discontinued in that Office.

William Hindman Esquire having resigned the Office of Treasurer of the Eastern Shore, James Hindman Esqr was appointed and commissioned.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Patrick Hannah two hundred and fifteen pounds, ten shillings for Am^t of Acc^t

That the said Treasurer pay to Patrick Hannah, for the use of Wm Johnson fifty Pounds on Acc^t

That the said Treasurer pay to Ja^s Taylor thirty nine pounds, eight shillings for Am^t of Acc^t

Stainton Atkins of Somerset County is hereby discharged from Custody, he having given Bond &c: for his future good Behaviour.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Arch^d Chisolm six Pounds, fifteen shillings for Am^t of Acc^t

That the said Treasurer pay to Elizabeth Man fifteen pounds, for Am^t of Acc^t

That the said Treasurer pay to Robt John Smith one hundred and seven pounds, twelve shillings for Am^t of Acc^t

That the said Treasurer pay to Clinch Blinco seventy one pounds, seventeen shillings and six Pence for Am^t of Acc^t

[Council to Capt. David.] C. C. 76

In Council Annapolis 28th May 1777.

Sir

If you judge it necessary to have the Galley down, it had best be done immediately. Jesse Hollingsworth will supply you with what Bread you want out of the Public Bread at Baltimore. We suppose whilst your Galley is heaving down,

c. c. Capt Walker's may well accommodate the Men and save the Expence of Board, every possible saving is necessary. Mr Piercy tells us two of the People have the Small Pox and that a good many are to have it. We think it would be well to innoculate such as have not had the small Pox immediately.

Capt John David — We are &^{ca}

77 [Council to M. Hillegas.]

In Council Annapolis 28th May 1777.

Sir.

We have received the Resolution of Congress impowering us to appoint Superintendants of the Press, but were not informed of the Necessity of a new Appointment, 'till by Mr Calhoun, who mentioned it to the Governor in Frederick Town last week, but he could not tell who, except M^{r} McKubin would probably act, and promised, if he should be able, on his Return to Baltimore, to mention Gentlemen of Character who would attend that Service, he would do so by Line. We inclose an Appointment, too much by Guess. If any of them will not undertake the Business or should grow tired, we shall be obliged to you to enquire and advise us who may, with Propriety, be put in the stead of such.

The Congress have said nothing further to us relative to the Qualification of the Superintendants, than what is contained in the Resolution itself; we imagine the Oath being taken before a Magistrate and in your Presence, and so certified and transmitted by you to Congress and a Duplicate to us, will be fully Satisfactory and therefore we recommend it.

Michael Hillegas Esqr — We are &^{ca}

78 [Council to Major Fulford.]

In Council Annapolis 28th May 1777.

Major Fulford.

There is too good Ground to suspect that an Intercourse is carried on between the Disaffected amongst us and those of the same Character to the Southward & Northward of us. The Public Safety requires our Vigilance. We are informed that Mr William Brown and Mr James Anderson are about to set out for Philadelphia; you are to go to Bush Town, and there search for all Papers and Letters they may have with them, and if you find any Papers, conveying Intelligence, bring the Papers and Persons before us. We have called on you for this Service, under a Confidence that you will use Mr Brown & Mr Anderson genteely, but will not be diverted from a proper Enquiry. You may, if you think proper, take an Officer with you. — We are &^{ca}

Maj^{r} Fulford.

May 29th 1777 C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Eastman & Neth fifteen pounds thirteen shillings and nine pence for Amt of Acct

Commission issued to Thomas Beatty appointed Sheriff of Frederick County.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captn Thos Walker forty seven pounds, five shillings for Amt of Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Captn Thomas Walker two hundred and nineteen pounds, eighteen shillings for Amt of Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Beriah Maybury two hundred and forty pounds, eighteen shillings, and one Penny, for Amt of Acct

John Goldsborough Junior appointed register of Wills in Dorchester County, in the Room of John Caile Harrison, who resigned.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Wm Wilkins three hundred pounds, on Acct of the Fortifications at Annapolis.

That the said Treasurer pay to Willm Goldsmith twenty four pounds, eighteen shillings and nine pence for Amt of Acct

Commission issued to Samuel Chew, John Burgess, Nichs Worthington, George Watts, Richard Harwood Junior, Henry Ridgely, Elijah Robesson Samuel Lane, Thomas Brooke Hodgskin, Thomas Watkins Junior, John Weems, Thomas Watkins Senior, John Dorsey, Thomas Dorsey, Wm Brogden, Samuel Harrison, John Brice, Wm Wilkins, Allen Quynn, Thomas Harwood, Charles Alexander Warfield, Reuben Merriwether, Richd Cromwell, Thomas Henry Hall, Samuel Harrison son of Richard, Thomas Gassaway son of Nicholas, Nicholas Dorsey Junior, Richard Stringer and Thomas Worthington appointed Justices of the Peace for Ann Arundel County.

[Gov. Johnson to W. Paca.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 29th May 1777.

Sir.

We are obliged by the Trouble you have taken to furnish us with the Size of the Barracks, and the Account for printing the Continental Money but you have not been quite so particular in the Discription of the Barracks as we wished, how many Men to a Room, and how are their Beds contrived some Account of the Officers Barracks. We inclose you a Copy of

c. c. the Letter we received from the Marine Committee and Copy of Resolutions inclosed by the President; we were not furnished with the Resolution of Congress for the Discharge of the Men; if any such passed it was omitted to be sent by the President and Marine Committee. Mr Lewis has very much mistaken the Council. They and I were sensible of the Indignity offered by Capt Nicholson in his first Letter inclosed to Congress; after the Proceedings of Congress, we received Capt Nicholson's Letter of the 5th of May, which we inclosed to the Marine Committee. Mr Lewis was in Town and was several Times in the Council Room; that Letter, he must know was not satisfactory; he was desirous, indeed, that it should be accepted as such, and represented Nicholson as not being so blameable as he seemed to be. Mr Lewis may recollect that he told the Governor, Nicholson had told the Marine Committee that it was impossible for him to man the Frigate without impressing Men, and that instead of discouraging it, they seemed rather to approve, and this agrees with Nicholson's first Letter where he says "I do not pretend to plead the Orders of Congress for what I have done but will say if I had not Reason to think Congress would not disapprove of it I should not have done it." After all the Conversation that passed between Mr Lewis and the Governor & Council, our Letter to Nicholson of the 8th of May, was shewn to Mr Lewis, he waited some Time for it and carried it himself intending, we have no Doubt, to influence Capt Nicholson as far as he could, to comply with the moderate Terms we required. We have not since received any Letter from Capt Nicholson, except his of the 12th Inst which we inclosed to the Marine Committee. How was it possible for Mr Lewis to imagine the Council were satisfied with Capt Nicholson's Letter of the 5th after reading ours of the 8th nor have the Council or I had any Intercourse with Mr Lewis or Capt Nicholson, since Nicholson's Letter of the 12th which you may see, by our Letter to the Marine Committee, we do not esteem a very genteel one. The Discharge of the Men is the Point we set out on and will not be diverted from it. Nicholson may perhaps have discharged them, but we do not know that he has he has never told us that he had or would; two Men we know were discharged, but as they and their Securities represented, on the Terms of giving Security in 40 Dollars each to return again in a short Time or find a Man each, and this two or three Days after the Service of the Order. We have waved the Point of Satisfaction to us, in our Letter to the Committee, not that we thought Nicholson had complied, but we are unwilling to be the Occasion of dismissing an Officer, from whom many have great Expectations. We are Sir &ca

William Paca Esqr

Friday May 30th 1777. C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Lt Colonel Ford one thousand Dollars on Acct of sixth Regiment.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Perkins for the use and by order of Saml Chester twenty pounds, for Amt of Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Coward twenty four pounds, eighteen shillings and six Pence for Amt of Acct

[Council to F. Deams.] C. C. 80

In Council Annapolis 30th May 1777

Sir

We are truly concerned at the Accident that has happened to you and much wish your perfect Recovery. Whether you serve again or not, we esteem you an active Officer and think you have merited well of the Public. We had wrote you in answer to your former Letter and sent it by the Post, we inclosed you your Commission back to you, advising you that General Washington had the Settlement of Rank. We do not know from your last, whether you desire a Captain should be appointed in your Company, in your Stead, and are unwilling to understand you so; therefore have left it in its present State. William Clarke who was appointed second Lieutenant is lately gone up and Josa Hanson, who was a Cadet in Yates's Company, being appointed Ensign, and on the Spot, we hope the Company will not suffer. Mr Orme tells us you have advanced Money for Ferriages, Carriage &ca Inclose us the Account proved, and, so far as it ought, it will be paid here. We are &ca

Capt Fredk Deams

[Council to Norton and Beall.] 81

In Council Annapolis 30th May 1777.

Gent

We received Mr Beall's Letter from Baltimore, and were much pleased to find, as we thought, our Goods, especially the Medicines, had arrived from Petersburg at Baltimore; we sent to Baltimore twice and found that some Dry Goods had arrived, which were claimed by Messrs Young & McCreary, but no Medicines. We wrote you by the Post on the other Points of the Letter, and if the Stay of this Post would allow it, we would send you a Copy, though we hope before this, you have the Original. We shall endeavour to get Mr Young's Order, though we think, if the Gent who has the Goods requires it, before he will deliver them, he is more particular than he need be.

c. c. Mr Van Bibber has no right to dispose of our Tin, or any other Article of ours, to Colo Aylett. We want the Things ourselves and hope Colo Aylett will not think of touching them. These Goods purchased by Mr McCreary were bought with the Money of this State, and Mr Young's Name inserted merely for Safety, as McCreary thought, and we are exceedingly surprised that Mr Van Bibber should attempt to dispose of any of them. We are Gent &ca

Messrs Norton & Beall.

82 [Council to A. Hall.]

In Council Annapolis 30th May 1777.

Sir

We received yours of the 26th Inst and are of Opinion that there is no need of a Commission issuing to the Clerk; there does not occur, in the Constitution & Form of Government, any Expression from which it can be inferred that a Commission is necessary, but that Part which says "the Clerk shall hold his Commission during good Behaviour." the Word Commission there, we think, must be understood in the same Sense as Office, which it has with Regard to the Chancellor.

We do not see how the Commissioners can go on with the Nomination of Assessors; it seems as if they were restricted to the Times mentioned in the Act for the Execution of this Part of it, yet should we have sent up a Commission as you desired, though it might have been the Ground of Dispute for querelous People, but that the Assembly is to meet the 11th June, when it will be necessary to aid in some Cases not very unlike this, and this may then with Convenience, be put on such a Footing as to prevent any Dispute

Colo Aquila Hall }
Harford Coty } We are &ca

83 [Council to W. Paca.]

In Council Annapolis 30th May 1777.

Sir.

We are obliged by the Trouble you have taken to furnish us with the Size of the Barracks, and the Account for printing the Continental Money but you have not been quite so particular in your Description of the Barracks as we wished; how many Men to a Room, and how are their Beds contrived, some Account of the Officers Barracks.

We inclose you Copies of the Resolutions sent us by the President of the Congress and the Letter we received from

the Marine Committee, by which you will see that the Reso- C. C.
lution of the Congress for the Discharge of the Men, was not furnished to us. Capt Nicholson is now down here, his Ship is off Annapolis, he shewed us a Copy with which he was served, the Resolution for the Discharge of the Men was omitted and Nicholson says he had no Direction from the Marine Committee to discharge any; we wish these Short Copies & short Orders may have happened without Design. We never had any Intercourse with Mr Lewis, since he took Charge of our Letter to Nicholson, after his reading it before we sealed it, nor with Nicholson, 'till this Day, after his Letter, which we inclosed to the Marine Committee. Our Letter to Nicholson and that to the Committee, contain our Sentiments much better than Mr Lewis collected them. This has been a very disagreeable Business. Nicholson alledges and Mr Lewis seems to confirm that Nicholson advised with the Marine Committee on the Subject of pressing before he did it, and that the Committee rather approved it. Nicholson has promised now to discharge such of the impressed men (he has upwards of 30) as are not willing to go with him and a Magistrate goes on board this Afternoon to see it done. We received a Letter to day from Capt Teams, who has lately got home much hurt; there is but one Officer of his Company a Prisoner. We hope Col^{o} Gunby is mistaken about the Desertion of the Company The latest Account we have of it is, that 3 or 4 only had deserted and about as many dead: the Company was full or nearly full when it marched. We have appointed the 11th of June, for the meeting of the Assembly

William Paca Esqr We are &^{ca}

[Council to Washington.] 84

In Council Annapolis 30th May 1777.

Sir.

This, we expect will be delivered to you by Capt Alexander Trueman of Col^{o} Williams's Battalion, of this State. Mr Paul Parker was recommended as an Officer in the Proportion of Troops of this State and accordingly had a Power to recruit as such and eight hundred Dollars delivered to him by the Commissioners He was appointed a Lieu^{t} in Capt Trueman's Company and, as the Capt says, was successful, having, according to the Accounts he gave his Captain, raised upwards of thirty Men. Mr Parker afterwards refused to serve in the Batt^{n} in which he was appointed has accepted a Lieutenancy in one of the sixteen Regiments and carried his Recruits with him. From what we learn, this is one of several Instances of such Conduct and that several of the Gentlemen who have

C. C. been appointed in the sixteen Battalions have made flattering Offers to the Subalterns who had successfully recruited for the Proportion of this State, to carry the Men they had inlisted into other Regiments. Capt Trueman thinks he is entitled to the Men recruited by Mr Parker and requests us to have them given up to him; we think his Pretensions are well founded but know of no Method of effecting it, but by an Application to you, and therefore give you this Trouble, which we wish we could have avoided. We are &^ca

Genl Washington

85 [Council to Col. Hooe.]

In Council Annapolis 30th May 1777.

Sir.

Mr Calhoun some Time ago wrote us that Capt Boucher informed him that one Capt Laurence Sanford of Alexandria a Man of Reputation who was taken by the Roebuck, on board of which he saw the two Goodrich's, who escaped from Baltimore Jail, told him that they effected their Escape by bribing the Jailor and that it cost them 600£. We shall be obliged to you to have Captn Sandford's Deposition taken and all Circumstances that his Memory retains inserted to lay a proper Foundation for putting the Jailor in the Goodrich's Place; we need not remark that the more Privacy this is done with, the better We are &^ca

To Col^o Hooe.

C. B. Saturday May 31st 1777.

Present as on yesterday except Edwd Lloyd Esqr

John Iiams third Lieutenant of an Artillery Company in the Service of this State resigned his Commission, which was accepted of by the Council.

William Campbell appointed Captain of a Company of Matresses in the Service of this State, upon the Promotion of Major Fulford.

Commission of letter of Marque issued to Edward Booker Captain of the Brigantine Buckskin Hero mounting sixteen Carriage Guns, and navigated by one hundred men, belonging to John Crockett and others of Baltimore.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captn William Browne one hundred pounds, on Acc^t

It appearing from the Report of Mr Allen Quynn, a Justice of the peace, that the several following Persons, who had been impressed on board the Virginia Frigate and whilst they were detained have signed the Articles, have declared their unwill-

ingness to proceed in the ship, they are ordered to be discharged from the ship, to wit, John Harrington, Richard Arthur, Wm Adams, Joseph Shaw, John Dillain, Joseph Church, William Harrington, Wm Berrige, Richard Harding, John Mitchell, Guilford Minatree, Solomon Tyler, and James Marshall. C. B.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captn James Nicholson one thousand and ninety two pounds, sixteen shillings and six pence for Balance of Acc^t^

[Council to Capt. David.] C. C. 86

In Council Annapolis 31st May 1777

Sir

You are to proceed with the Conqueror to this Place with all Dispatch, fitted as well as you can, and apply to Capt Walker for his Men to go with you. We may probably give you Orders here to proceed farther. We are &^ca^

P. S. If Capt Walker is about rigging his Galley, and it should be necessary, he will keep two or three of his Men.

Capt John David.

[Council to T. Wright.] 87

In Council Annapolis 31st May 1777

Sir

On considering the Subject of your Letter of the 25th we find ourselves a good deal embarrassed; if it could be done with Propriety, we should gladly send you another Commission with an Addition of two Gentlemen who would act with you, as such an Addition seems desirable by you and is probly so to Messrs Brown and Thompson; but we think issuing a new Commission whilst one is subsisting which may be executed, is irregular. If you have proceeded in the Execution of the Commission, we do not think we can send another, but will send a Commission to a Clerk, if the Gen^t^ will recommend; was a proper Person to be got here, we should, on your Intimation of your Difficulties on this Head, have commissioned him immediately. If you have not proceeded in the Commission and it should be more agreeable to you and the other Gen^t^ who will act, to have Assistance joined with you, we will send a new Commission on a Return of the old, with a Certificate that no Person hath qualified; and should be obliged to you to mention who you think will be the most proper for Clerk &^ca^ We wish to do what is strictly legal in this Affair, but if there should be any Opinion entertained

C. C. that a new Commission cannot issue properly, we imagine the Assembly which is to meet the eleventh of June will, before any Trial can be had, aid the supposed Defect. Inclosed is a List of Persons in Custody. We have scarcely had an Hour to ourselves since the Receipt of your Letter which we hope will apologize to you for a seeming want of Attention.

T. Wright Esqr We are &^ca^

C. B. Monday June 2^d^ 1777

Present the same members as on Saturday, except Mr Lee. Mr Sim attended.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to James West six Pounds, ten shillings for Am^t^ of Acc^t^

That the said Treasurer pay to John David fifty pounds on Acc^t^

That the said Treasurer pay to Aquila Randall twelve pounds for Am^t^ of Acc^t^

That the said Treasurer pay to John Barry for the use of George Wells four hundred pounds, in Advance on Contract for Galley.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Sparrow sixty nine shillings for sixty nine pounds of Lead ꝑ Receipt

Ordered, That Col^o^ Peter Waters deliver to Nathan Lynton of Accomack County in Virginia the Goods & Effects saved by the said Lynton last summer from a Wreck, and afterwards seized and taken from him by the said Colonel Waters presuming they were designed to be secured for the use of the Enemy, or if the same have been sold, that he pay over the money produced by the Sale to the said Lynton taking a Receipt on such Delivery or payment, it appearing by a Certificate from the Committee of Accomack County that the matter has been examined into by them, and that they have adjudged the said Lynton clear of the Charge, and that he ought to have the Effects delivered to him.

C. C. 88 [Council to Capt. Matthews.]

In Council Annapolis June 2^d^ 1777.

Sir.

Capt David's Galley is wanted on a Piece of Service, he wants Men and says you have about 18 at Baltimore belonging to your Galley. You will put them into Capt David's or about 15 of them, and they will be soon returned again to you.

Capt Matthews. We are &^ca^

[Council to Commander of Galley.] C. C. 89

In Council Annapolis 2d June 1777.

Sir

Capt David's Galley is wanted on a Piece of Service, he wants Men, and says you have some at Baltimore belonging to your Galley. You will put them into Capt David's or as many of them as can be spared, and they will soon again be returned to you. You are also to be attentive to, and have as particular Care taken of the Men who will be left sick at Baltimore by Capt David, that they want for nothing in his Absence, as if they belonged to your own Galley. We are &ca

Capt Walker, or
Commanding Officer of Balt Galley.

Tuesday June 3rd 1777. C. B.

Present as on yesterday. Mr Lee attended.

Directions given to Thomas James of Somerset County to purchase Pork at ten pounds Currency p Barrel.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to James Tooth by order and for use of Ezekiel Towson fifty nine pounds, seven shillings and nine pence for Amt Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Elisha Richardson, a soldier in Captn Scott's Company eighteen pounds for nine month's pay, he being left sick at the Time of Colo Smallwood's March.

License granted Wm Eddis of Annapolis to depart this State.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay Captn Handy by order and for use of Colo Richardson four thousand Dollars on Acct of 5th Regiment

Commissions issued to Samuel Owings appd Colo
Jsa Hammond Lt Colo
Chs. Carnan 1 Major
Josh Gist 2 do &
John Baxley Qr Mr of
Soldiers Delight Battalion in Balto County.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Wm Nevin & Compy fourteen pounds, thirteen shillings for Amt of Acct

That the Commissary of Stores send to Annapolis twenty Tents with their Furniture compleat.

That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Comr Garretson, for the use and by order of George Lindenberger forty one pounds, eighteen shillings for Amt of Acct

The Bond of Benjamin Harwood Junior, as a Commissioner

C. B. of the Loan Office of Maryland with Thomas Harwood Junior and Nicholas Maccubbin Junior his securities dated this day. also the Bond of Thomas Gassaway as a Commissioner of the said Loan Office with Thomas Watkins and Thomas Watkins Junior his securities dated the second Day of June instant are produced in Council, and approved of.

C. C. 90

[Council to J. Hollingsworth.]

In Council Annapolis 3d June 1777.

Sir

We have sent you the £1000 by Colo Owings. The exorbitant Prices of every Thing makes the utmost Frugality necessary; Capt David had a Hogshead of Whiskey lately, we imagine it cannot be expended, a small Allowance of Spirit must do and that of the cheapest Kind, the Public cannot afford Rum at 40/ or 45/ a Gallon for the Row Gallies, nor will it do to frequent the Markets for Beef at 15d or 18d per lb the Prices we hear it is at in Baltimore. We have some salted Provisions and while they last we had better partly at least supply them. We do not wish the Public to be in your Debt but we want your Accounts to see how things go on and know the State of our Affairs, and hope to be furnished with them next Week, agreeable to your Letter.

Mr Jesse Hollingsworth. We are &ca

C. B.

Wednesday, June 4th 1777

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that Major Nathaniel Smith of Baltimore Town cause Thomas Dewitt, late Jail Keeper under Robert Christie Esquire to be arrested & have him sent by an Officer to the Governor & Council for Examination.

That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Mitchell five pounds, six shillings and eight Pence for Amt of Acct

It being represented that many of the Soldiers, who were inlisted in the Maryland Battalion have not joined the first Regiment and others, who were inlisted in the Independent Companies have not joined the second Regiment, but that many of them are secreted & entertained by their Acquaintances, It is therefore ordered that they immediately join some party of the said first and second Regiments respectively, and the Justices of the Peace and other civil Officers, and all other persons are requested to be vigilant in inforcing the Act of Assembly Lately passed to prevent Desertion.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Lt Col^{o} Ford one thousand Pounds, on Acc^{t} of the sixth Regiment. C. B.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Pitt twenty nine pounds, fifteen shillings for Am^{t} of Acc^{t}

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Thos Coursey three Dozen Jacketts, 1 Piece of Ozn^{s} & twelve pair of Shoes, for the use of the Chester Galley.

That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Thos Coursey seventy eight pounds, six shillings & eleven Pence for Am^{t} of Acc^{t}

That the said Treasurer pay to Thos Coursey one hundred & fifty pounds on Acc^{t}

Commissions issued to John Peckham 1 L^{t}
George Tryon 2 L^{t}
Ja^{s} McCabe L^{t} of Marines on Board of The Chester Galley

Commission issued to

Joshua Beall	Alex^{r} Howard Magruder
Christopher Lowndes	Richd Henderson
Wm Loch Weems	Thos Gantt Junr
David Crawford	Thos Trueman
Wm Beans	Richd Duckett Junr
Jeremiah Magruder	Osb: Sprigg
Thos Claggett	Robt Darnall
Luke Marbury	Fielder Bowie
Trueman Skinner	George Lee
Jonathan Slater	Thomas Williams
Humphry Belt	Thos Magill
Benj^{a} Hall (son of Frances)	Thomas Boyd
	Wm Lyles
	Wm Berry
	Notley Young
	Ja^{s} Mullikin
	Ja^{s} Beck and
	Thos Richardson of Prince

Georges County, appointed Justices of the County Court.

James Drane appointed Coroner in Prince Georges County, upon the Resignation of Benjamin Brookes, and Commission issued.

Commission issued to John Reeder Junr
Henry Greenfield Sothoron
Richard Barnes
Henry Reeder and
Vernon Hebb appointed Justices of the Orphans Court of St Mary's County.

For Kent County.

Thomas Smyth, Robt Cruckshank, John Eccleston, Willm Ringgold Junr and Richard Frisby.

C. B.

Calvert County.

Charles Grahame, William Allnutt, Samuel Chew, John Bond, and Richard Parran.

Ann Arundel.

Samuel Chew, John Burgess, Nich^{s} Worthington, George Watts, Richd Harwood Junr Henry Ridgely and Elijah Robosson.

Charles.

Samuel Hanson, Daniel Jenifer, George Dent, Josias Hawkins, and John Dent.

Somerset.

Levin Gale, Wm Winder, Planner Williams, John Adams & Levin Dashiell.

Dorchester.

William Ennalls, John Dickinson, James Muir, Joseph Richardson and Henry Steele.

Baltimore

Andrew Buchanan, John Moale, Benjn Rogers, Wm Buchanan, Willm Spear, Thos Sollers, and John Beale Howard.

Cecil.

Joseph Gilpin, John Veazey Junior, Elihu Hall, John Leach Knight, and Tobias Rudulph.

Prince Georges.

Joshua Beall, Christopher Lowndes, Wm Loch Weems David Crawford, Wm Beans, Jeremiah Magruder and Thomas Claggett.

Talbott.

John Goldsborough, John Gibson, Henry Banning, Christ^{r} Birkhead and Wm Trippe.

Queen Anns.

Turbutt Wright, John Browne, John Thompson, James Kent, and John Serey.

Worcester

John Dennis, John Selby, Nehemiah Holland, Ebenezer Handy, and Wm Morriss.

Frederick

Normand Bruce, Wm Blair, Upton Sheredine, Wm Beatty and Joseph Wells.

Harford

Aquila Hall, Thos Bond (son of Thomas) Bend^{t} Edwd Hall Wm Webb and Aquila Paca.

Caroline.

Charles Dickinson, Richd Mason, Joshua Clarke, Benson Stainton and Nathaniel Potter.

Washington C. B.

Samuel Beall, John Stull, Joseph Sprigg, Samuel Hughes and Henry Schnoboly.

Montgomery

Charles Jones, Thos Sprigg Wootten, David Lyon, Edward Burgess and Oneas Campbell.

[Council to Dorsey and Onions.] C. C. 91

In Council 4th June 1777.

Gent.

We now want, for the Public Use, the Cannon and Swivels you agreed with the late Council of Safety to make, and desire to know whether you have them ready for Proof, agreeable to your Contract. We are sorry to be obliged to remind you of this Business, not having received a Line or Message relative to it. We are &ca

Messrs Saml Dorsey Junr
& Jno Onions Elk Ridge

[Council to Col. Richardson.] 92

In Council Annapolis 4th June 1777.

Sir

Capt Handy tells us that he understands from Majr Smith that he got 400 Shirts, 400 Jackets & Breeches and 100 Coats. We now send a Boat to Balt for 100 Tents, which we suppose will be sufficient for the present, and, on her calling here, intend to send you Stuff & Buttons for 150 Coats, 100 ready made Shirts 6 ps Osnabrigs to make about 300 Overalls & 40 or 50 Camp Kettles, we would send more Stuff for Coats, but our Stock will not allow it; the Boat shall, as soon as we get the Things in, proceed to Cambridge. We approve your Design of sending the Sick & Baggage by Water, but it is out of our Power to send you Vessels for that Purpose, you will therefore endeavour to obtain them. We can furnish you with Powder & Lead and, we believe, with Cartridge Paper, but we have no Stock of Cartridges made, nor is there any Body employed for making them, as we know of; the Continent ought to furnish the Ammunition and if you'll send us an Estimate of the Quantity, we will endeavour to get it from the Public Stores in Baltimore, it is much more agreeable to us to do so, than to supply it and Charge it. We do not think it can be expected that the Officers should find Horses for Expresses and therefore think as they will be necessary, you

C. C. would do well to buy half a Dozen on the Account of the Continent at once. As to Carriage we have more Difficulty about it; The Expence of buying Waggons & Horses on the Uncertainty whether they may be useful or not, seems not to be justifiable and the Neighbourhood can illy supply Carriage on an Emergency. If a few Waggons, sufficient for the ordinary use of the Troops, could be hired, and to rely partly on what Teams could be collected, if it should be necessary to move; we think it would be cheapest and best. We think it essential that a good Commissary should be got, we can supply a good Deal of Biscuit and some salted Provisions, we think it likely the Troops would be best supplied by a clever, active Man having this Department to lay out the Money in purchasing, and having a Man or two to distribute the Provisions; if you know of any such, do mention him. We believe very little is in our Power as to Nails and Carpenter's Tools, but so far as we can, we will assist you. We think it will be best to keep Necessaries beforehand for the Supply of about 100 Men more than you may have, as those who join you may be immediately dressed and furnished. We do not think we can so far interfere as to take away the Servants purchased by the Officers of the 16 Battalions, but, as they have no Right to take them away, under the late Act, we are determined they shall not take People's Servants from them under Colour of it. Capt Coursey happened here, your Complaint of his enlisting Jno Payne has been mentioned to him, he says he has not enlisted him, but on his Application, not knowing that he was enlisted in your Regiment, he mentioned him as an Officer for the Row Galley, but that he has never had his Service at all, that the Man is at home & that you may have him at any Time. We have spoke to Colo Price about the two Recruits, he is just come to Town and says they were sent over by a Sergeant. We will enquire and if not delivered, inform us of the Reason. We fear you will not get the Arms from Mr Morris, they are carried to Philadelphia to repair and he is doubtful whether the Congress will suffer them to come away, if not, and Winters does not put his in Order, we must endeavour to arm you though we have barely sufficient and these will not be to your Satisfaction. We believe there is no Continental Muster Master in this State, if none, we will appoint some Body to muster the Men. Genl Smallwood is expected here in a few Days we intend to give him Memorandums from your Letter and get him to push at Philadelphia for Arms and to obtain what other Things we cannot supply with Convenience. The Preference given to the 16 Battalions, is mortifying to us, as well as to you. Joseph Warfield, who is appointed a 2d Lieut in your

Reg^{t} was an Ensign in Col^{o} Hall's Reg^{t} is now at Camp and a clever young Fellow. Mason is appointed a 1st L^{t} in Col^{o} Gunby's Reg^{t} they were advanced by us and we did not doubt their having Notice of it. Thomas Jones stands in the Original List sent us by the Assembly, which is all we know of him. From your not mentioning our Letter of the 14th May, we suppose it has not reached you, inclosed is a Copy of it; we shall attend to what you say about your Officers. We send you 4000 Dollars and the Amount of your Advances. We approve what has been done by you towards subsisting Capt Foreman's Men and it may continue the little Time you stay, but Capt Foreman had better look out for some other Way against that Time, for we shall not choose to part from the rest of our Provisions, if any left, or be connected in any manner with his Acc^{ts} We are &^{ca} C. C.

Col^{o} Wm Richardson.

[Council to J. McCabe.] 93

In Council Annapolis 4th June 1777

Sir

We are desirous of knowing whether you have the Cards ready, for which you contracted with the late Council of Safety. The Time has expired in April and we have not heard from you, we expect a Settlement of this matter very soon.

John McCabe Baltimore. We are &^{ca}

[Council to T. Smyth.] 94

In Council Annapolis 4th June 1777

Sir,

We are very desirous of getting the Chester Galley fitted and much obliged to you for the Trouble you have taken to forward it. Lux and Bowley wrote us some Time since that they would give us the Preference of their Cordage at £7 10. We accepted, but indeed, as yet, have got little or nothing of it. Mr Lowndes is now at work, we believe, solely for us, and at about that Price, but he will not be able to furnish us so far as wanted; yet if we give £14 for any, we suppose we must for all, for this Reason, and as Hynson's Quantity would go but a very little Way, we choose not to take it, at this Price. If Lux and Bowley do not go to Work for us soon, the Frigate now being gone, we intend, rather than be at the present Pass, to set up a Rope Walk for the Public and are satisfied we should, even in different Management, save a good Deal of Money. We are &^{ca}

Thomas Smyth Esqr

C. B. Thursday 5th June 1777.

Present as on yesterday except Mr Rogers.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captn Wm Campbell twenty five pounds, on Acct

Commission to Saml Gerreck appd 1 Lt
Robt Wilmot 2 Lt
of an Artillery Company in Baltimore.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captn Alexander Furnival for the use of Major Smith two hundred and fifty pounds, on Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Jas Busick five pounds, seven shillings and six Pence for Amt of Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Captn Alexr Furnival twelve pounds, for Amt of Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Thos Dewitt by order and for use of Engelhart Geiser one hundred and eighty eight pounds, one shilling, for Amt of Acct

C. C. 95 [Council to Commander of *Defence*.]

In Council Annapolis 5th June 1777.

Sir.

One Nathaniel Cooper has complained by Petition, that he is detained on Board the Defence, without having entered into any Engagement to continue on Board of her. We desire that you, as Capt Cooke is out of Town, bring the Man before us and be as well prepared as you can, to give us Information of the Reasons wherefore he is detained, if detained against his Will. We are &ca

The Commanding Officer on Board
the Defence.

96 [Council to N. Smith.]

In Council Annapolis 5th June 1777

Sir.

We could have wished you had sent us an Estimate of the Expence of building the Magazine, but, as we esteem it necessary, we have, on Conversation with Capt Furnival ordered £250 into your Hands; you'll keep a regular Account of the Expenditure of it. We have talked with Capt Furnival on the manner of doing the Work, but have directed nothing on the Subject, he seems at present, to think it may be best to build it of Wood, you will consider the Matter and do what may appear the most proper. We have most of the Artillery men here in Tents; every Thing which can be done to keep the

Men healthy ought to be done; it is certainly proper to keep them from being crowded; you'll therefore call on the Tent-makers and get about thirty Tents. The Men by being thus separated may have fresh Air & be kept clean. Capt Furnival has very warmly pressed for a Commission to Gerrock which we have given him, in Hopes of his being able to assist in filling the Company as well as under a Confidence that he will be a good Officer We are &ca C. C.

Majr Nathl Smith.

[Council to Col. S. Smith.] 97

In Council Annapolis 5th June 1777

Sir

Inclosed you have an Account of the Money advanced, as you desire. Mr Ridgely says he gave you an Account of it before. We enquired of such as we thought might probably give us some Account of Mr Robert Waters but cannot discover who he is; Mr Duvall says he believes he was recommended by some Gentlemen of the Eastern Shore; we shall have an Opportunity next Week of making an effectual Enquiry and if necessary appoint another; but cannot be justified in displacing an Officer merely because we do not know him.

We have no Power to exempt any Person from Service in the Militia on any Terms, it is only in the Power of the Legislature, before whom the Resolution of Congress you mention will be laid for Consideration We are &ca

Colo S. Smith.

Friday June 6th 1777. C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Leave is given to John Campbell of Queen Ann's County, the Bearer of this, to depart this State on a Voyage to the French West Indies, he having signed the Association, enrolled in the Militia, and as far as we know or have Reason to believe, conducted himself as a friend to America.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captn John Keltie one hundred pounds on Acct

[Council to B. Rumsey.] C. C. 98

In Council Annapolis 6th June 1777

Sir.

We have no Prospect of being able soon to get the Row Gallies which we have already commissioned, rigged or

C. C. manned, we can get neither Cordage or Hands, and therefore believe nothing better can be done with that at Joppa than is already done with her; we shall be obliged to you to continue the Hands to keep her upper Works wet and take Care of her. We had no great Expectation of your Acting as a Judge in the General Court, we shall be at a great Loss to find such as will answer the Public Expectation. Mr Sprigg accepted the Office of Chancellor, merely for a temporary Purpose if you had been within Reach, so that the Assembly could have known whether you would accept of the Seals or not, we believe, if agreeable to you, you would have been appointed, and we should be glad to know whether you would act in that Honorable Department. Conway is arrived from Martinique, Harrison writes that the English have taken & condemned some French Vessels for having American Produce on Board.

Benja Rumsey Esqr We are &c

99 [Council to Hancock.]

In Council Annapolis 6th June 1777

Sir.

The inclosed Petition and Protest were presented to us by Capt Campbell on Behalf of himself and Partners Owners of the Privateer Schooner Buckskin Capt Campbell tells us verbally that, as he has understood, Capt Pearce of the Game Cock of Rhode Island acted much in the same Manner by a Continental Vessel, as he is represented to have done with the Buckskin's Prize, and that the Reason why he did not procure the Depositions of the two men, who were put into the Prize with the Protester William Pool is, their not having returned, they having, as he believes, engaged in some Service to the Eastward. No method occurs to us, by which we can put this Matter into a Way of Examination, and on the Facts alledged being found to be true, to effect that Justice which the Public and the Individuals injured are entitled to. The evil Consequences of such Conduct not being punished, are too certain, and as Capt Pearce held his Commission from the Congress, we beg Leave to lay these Papers before that Honorable Body, that they being apprized of the Complaint may take such Measures as they may judge adequate to the Occasion

Presd of Congress. We are &ca

100 [Council to Jenifer and Hooe.]

In Council Annapolis 6th June 1777

Gent

We are glad to hear of Conway's Arrival, though we are apprehensive that his Freight will not make Amends for the

Extraordinary Expence of her Outfit and Hands and it seems as if on Acc^t of the Cargoe, the Capt was instructed to be cautious. It is obvious that navigating with so many Men, will always swallow up the Profits of her small Cargoes and therefore we think it will not be worth while to send her with 40 Hh^ds Tobacco. In our present view of Things it would be most prudent to fit her out for a Cruise at once and have wrote the Captain to bespeak the Shrowds, which will be necessary either for trading or cruising, and come up to us. We hope to hear soon that the armed Brig is drove out of the N. Channel. The 20 Blankets will go such a little way towards satisfying the Demand, that we decline sending for them. Capt Kilty does not choose to go in the Lydia some of the Men refuse to go and others of them we fear, are not to be trusted. We are at a Loss for a Captain, if you know of a Man that you think would answer, we should be obliged to you to mention him that we might have the Ship prepared to take Advantage of a favourable Opportunty, should any happen, to go out. We are &^ca C. C.

Messrs Jenifer & Hooe.

[Council to Capt. Conway.] 101

In Council Annapolis 6th June 1777.

Sir

We learn from Mr Hooe that your Sloop must have new Shrouds before she goes out again. You will therefore apply to Mr Lowndes, who we request to furnish you in preference of any, except the Defence, and proceed to Annapolis Mr Hooe writes that it would be agreeable to you to go on a Cruise, we are inclined to fit you out for that Purpose, as the Freights and small Cargoes do not appear to us to justify the Expence of the Number of Men necessary for an armed Vessel, we will soon determine, on seeing you, whether the Molly is to fight or trade. We are &^ca

Capt Conway.

Saturday June 7th 1777. C. B.

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Muir twenty five pounds, ten shillings for Am^t of Acc^t

That the said Treasurer pay to Nich^s Macubbin one hundred pounds, one shilling and seven pence, for Bal^c of Acc^t

C. B. Tuesday 10th June 1777.

Present as on Saturday except Mr Sim. Mr Rogers attended

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Christopher Richmond Paymaster five hundred pounds on Acct of the first Regimt

That the said Treasurer pay to Isaac McHerd one thousand pounds, on Acct

Commission issued to John Burgess
Nichs Worthington
Rd Harwood Junr
Elijah Robosson
Thos Watkins
John Bowie &
Allen Quynn

appointed Justices of the Orphan's Court for Ann Arundel County.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Dr Richd Tooth eighty two pounds for Amt Acct

Thomas Hughes of Captain Ewing's Compy in the first Maryland Regiment, having had his Thigh broke and finding John Bailey in his Stead, is hereby discharged from the Service.

C. C. 102 [Council to I. McHerd.]

In Council Annapolis 10th June 1777.

Mr Isaac McHerd

You will proceed to Verginia and, if necessary, from thence to the Tan Yards on the Borders of Carolina and endeavour to purchase for the Public one, two, three, 4, 5, or 6000 Wt of Leather, according as you may esteem it a good Bargain or otherwise. If you have an Opportunity, we would have you also to purchase a Quany of Salt, if you can so agree, to be delivered here or rather at Baltimore Town. You'll make the best Bargain you can, but rather than miss it, we would give 4 Dollars a Bushel for it, delivered at either of those Places, if two or more Vessels, one to one Place & another to another would suit best. If there are no Vessels with Salt, and you can purchase any that is stored, we will remit, or pay your Bills here, you may go as far as 3 Dollars; hire Vessels, if you can, to send it forward, if not, wee'll send for it. Write us every Opportunity. We are &ca

Mr Isaac McHerd.

C. B. Wednesday 11th June 1777.

Present as on Yesterday. Mr Sim attended.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Wm Worthington six pounds, for Amt of Acct

Commission issued to Thos Jones appd 1 Major C. B.
Stephen Woolford Qr Mr
Roger Jones Captn John Jones 2 Lt
Jno Bromwell 1 Lt James Woolford, Ensn

Also to Chs Stapleford Captn Saml Hooper 2 Lt
Joseph Hubbert 2 Lt Saml Hubbert Ensign of a Compy in the 19th Battalion of Militia in Dorchr County

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captn Richd Coward fourteen pounds for three musquets.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Tooth ninety seven pounds, six shillings & one penny for Amt of Acct

It appearing from the Deposition of Charles Wallace Howard, that John Allen, who is alleged to have been enlisted by Captn Harwood in the first Battalion was at the Time of his Receipt of the Bounty money greatly intoxicated so as to be in almost a senseless Condition, the said John Allen is discharged on his returning the Bounty money he received.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to James Parsons thirteen pounds, ten shillings for Amt of Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Thos Snowden four hundred and eighteen pounds, two shillings and sixpence for Amt of Acct

[Council to J. Ennalls.] C. C. 103

11th June 1777.

Sir

The Letter from the Governor & Council of the 5th May last containing Instructions relative to the Upper Battalion in Dorset County, was addressed to you as Colo by Mistake, which arose from an Apprehension that Colo Dickinson had resigned and had been elected a Delegate for Dorset County The Governor & Council have wrote Colo Dickinson upon the Subject which will account for the Irregularity of this Proceeding. We are &ca

Lt Colo Josh Ennals.

[Council to N. Potter.] 104

In Council Annapolis 11th June 1777.

Sir

Mr McHerd went to Virginia early this Morning, he sent us your Letter of Yesterday, we thought he had sent over some Body to overhaul the Meat at your House, if not, we shall be obliged to you to hire a proper Person for that Purpose and have it done soon, we design the Provisions for Colo Richardson. What Salt may be left, after using what may be neces-

C. C. sary about the Provisions, we would have you sell at 4 Dollars a Bushel, dividing it, as well as you can, among those who may be in immediate Want, having more than a Bushel to a Family, we would have it go as far as it can towards a temporary Relief; The Price is high, but cheap, when compared to what private People sell at, and, we fear, as cheap as we shall be able to purchase.

Pray advise us of the Quantity you sell and receive the ready Money as there may be an End of it. Capt Frazier tells us you committed two or three Men, who were enlisted by the Delaware Officers, we would have them delivered over to Colo Richardson and kept in his Regiment.

Nathl Potter Esqr We are &ca

105 [Council to Col. Richardson.]

In Council Annapolis 11th June 1777.

Sir.

We sent you to Day by Capt Coward 225 yds of Coating and Buttons for 150 Coats, 100 ready made Shirts, 6 ps Oznabrigs for Overalls, 40 Camp Kettles and twenty seven Tents. The Boat returned from Baltimore with the Kettles & Tents only yesterday, she was delayed for the Tents, the Workmen having no more ready, though we expected several 100 were ready. Genl Smallwood is not yet come to Town. We think it would promote the Service to let the old Soldiers go into your Regimt if they choose to do so, and if, on Conversation with Genl Smallwood, we find it necessary, we shall apply to the Assembly for Leave. Capt Frazier tells us that he understands from you, Majr Smyth told you that Capt Dean would not serve. If Majr Smyth knows that to be Capt. Dean's Resolution, we should be glad he would write us so, as we may appoint another in his stead. The sooner we are advised the better, and we will endeavour to fill up all Vacancies to give Satisfaction, if possible. We are &ca

Colo Richardson

106 [Council to Col. Dickinson.]

In Council 11th June 1777.

Sir.

We wrote to most of the Cols of the Eastern Shore Militia the 5th of May in Hopes of getting a Proportion from each of the Battalions to make up 300 Men, to join Colo Richardson's Regulars, for the immediate and more effectual Defence of the Eastern Shore. By a Letter received from Colo Josh

Ennals Junr just now, we see the Letter designed for you, was by Mistake directed to him; it happened, as Mr Ridgely tells us, from his supposing you were in the Assembly and had therefore resigned; he relied too much on his Memory, which did not distinguish you from your Brother. Our Circular Letter of the 15th May, may have probably been misdirected in the same manner. You may be assured Sir, that there was not the least Intention of any ungenteel Conduct towards you, and we are glad, since the Mistake has happened, that we have an Opportunity of informing you of the Occasion of it. We request you will act as if the Letters were directed to you; Col^o Ennals having wrote us that he sent you that of the 5th May. We are &^ca C. C.

Col^o John Dickinson

[Council to Col. Richardson.] 107

In Council 11th June 1777.

Sir.

Mr Emanuel Kent of Queen Ann's County has made Application to us for the Discharge of his Servant Josias Merrifield, lately enlisted into your Battalion by Capt Emory. Mr Kent alledges (with Truth as it appears to us) that this Servant was enlisted by Capt Emory some Time in April last, but being valued by Doctor Anderson, to above sixteen Pounds, was discharged. That afterwards (in June) Capt Emory enlisted him again, and carried him before Mr Bordley, another Magistrate, who valued him in Mr Kent's Absence, at sixteen Pounds, and that the Servant now remains a Soldier in your Regiment. We think the second Enlistment, under these Circumstances, was irregular & improper, and request you to discharge the Man, unless you know the Facts above stated to be untrue, or the Enlistment attended with some other Circumstances which have not been communicated to us, and of which you will please to inform us. We are &^ca

Col^o Richardson

Thursday 12 June 1777. C. B.

Present as on yesterday

On considering the Letters of Colonel Joseph Dashiel to the Governor dated the tenth Instant, his to Colonel Richardson dated the ninth, and Colonel Done's letter to Colonel Dashiel dated the same Day, It is ordered that there be two Detachments from the twenty fourth Battalion of Militia of two Companies each, to be commanded by a Major of that Battalion,

C. B. that the first Detachment be composed of Captn Postley and Captn Ratcliffe's Companies, and the second Detachment of Captn Robin's and Captn Cox's Companies, those Companies being the most convenient to Sinnapuxent Inlet, that the said Detachments be kept as a Guard at the said Inlet, the first of them for eight Days, and then to be relieved by the second who shall also continue eight Days unless as expected, they should be sooner relieved, or the commanding Officer should think it unnecessary to keep a Guard Longer there.

Ordered That Joseph Bruff of Talbot County deliver to the order of Col Dashiel or Purnell all the public arms in his Possession that are repaired, taking his Receipt for the same.

Samuel Sadler appointed & commissioned, as third Lieutenant of Captn Furnival's Company of Matrosses

Commissions issued to	Joshua Gray Junr	2 Lieut^{t}
	Benjn Fish	Ensign

of Captain Boone's Company

	R^{d} Cromwell	1 L^{t}
	Joshua Merrikin	2 L^{t}
	George Hammond	Ensign

of Captn Owens's Company, in Colonel Worthington's Battalion of Militia in Ann Arundel County

C. C. 108

[Council to Col. Purnell.]

In Council Annapolis 12th June 1777.

Sir.

Col^{o} Jos. Dashiell wrote the Governor and also sent forward Col^{o} Done's Letter to him, from whence it seems necessary that a small Force should be kept at Sinnapuxent. We should have been glad that Col^{o} Richardson's Regiment was in such a Situation that a Part might have been ordered down, but they really are not, they have not yet got Arms, we shall get them armed and fitted as soon as we can and hope to have them soon ready, if it should be necessary, to continue a Guard to take the Place of the Militia. Col^{o} Done & Col^{o} Dashiell seem to think it necessary to enlarge the Battery on the South Beach. Col^{o} Dashiell suggests the Advantages of a Row Galley or Gondola or two; we are inclined to believe a Vessel or two of that Sort might be more effectual than the Battery and propose, for Consideration only, whether a large Scow or two used for transporting the Cattle from the Beach might not, by adding strong Timber to defend the Men from the Enemy's Shot, answer the same Intention, in carrying a Piece or two of heavy Cannon, perhaps the heaviest that can be got with you, as well as a Number of lighter Pieces. We should be glad you, Col^{o} Dashiell, & Col^{o} Done, before any

further work is made on the Beach, would consult on the Propriety of a Kind of floating Battery. We shall be glad to hear from you. It may not be convenient for every Man of these Companies to go out at once. Where it happens so (being desirous of consulting the Ease & Convenience of the People, as far as may be) if any such will find another good Man in his Stead, we would have him accepted. We are informed that Mr Joseph Bruff of Talbot County, has near an Hundred Arms in his Hands, which were collected last year for the Flying Camp, we suppose they are not very good; if you cannot get better supplied, we have wrote to him to deliver them to your or Colo Dashiells Order; if you take them, you will be careful that they be not lost. We are &ca C. C.

Colo Zadock Purnell

[Council to J. Dashiell.] 109

In Council June 12th 1777.

Sir.

We have received your Favor of the 10th Inst inclosing your Letter to Colo Richardson and Colo Done's Letter to you, upon Consideration of the Subject of these several Letters, have ordered two Detachments of the twenty fourth Battalion of Militia in Worcester County to guard Synepuxent Inlet alternately eight Days each, under the Command of a Major of that Battalion, which Expedient, we hope will answer the Ends of securing that Part of the Country from the Depredations of the Enemy and preventing their taking Possession of the Inlet, should that be their Design at least until further Aid can be offered.

Colo Richardson's Regiment is at this Time, very illy provided, being without Arms and almost every other Necessary to take the Field, but we expect that in a few Days, and before the Time limited in our Order for the Service of the Militia is expired, this Regiment will be in a Condition to render very effectual Assistance, should any further Reinforcement be requisite.

We are informed that there are a Number of Arms in the Keeping of Mr Joseph Bruff, belonging to this State and we have wrote to him by this Opportunity to deliver them to your or Colo Purnell's Order for the Use of these Detachments, if they cannot be otherwise more conveniently accommodated.

We are &ca

NB. Our Letter to Colo Purnell is inclosed, which you will please to peruse and, after sealing it, continue it to him.

Colo Josh Dashiell.

C. C. 110

[Council to S. Steward.]

In Council Annapolis 12th June 1777.

Sir.

Capt David sends his Boat for his square Sails, he also wants the Swivel Balls the four Pound and double headed Shot, which are at your Yard, you'll please to send them, we want to fit Capt David for Action. We are &ca

Mr Stephen Steward.

C. B.

Friday 13th June 1777.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Colonel Thomas Price one hundred and fourteen Pounds, ten shillings for Amt of Acct

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Captn Matthews ten Blankets, fifteen shirts, twelve pr of shoes, four Jackets, thirty three yards of Oznr for the Marines on Board the Galley Independence, also six shirts, three pr shoes, three Jackets, & fifteen yards of Oznabgs for the Seamen on Board of ditto

That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Henry Downes thirty five Pounds, twelve shillings & six Pence for Amt of Acct

Peter Stoakes appointed second Lieutenant in Colonel Richardson's Regiment.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Davidson five hundred and nineteen Pounds, thirteen shillgs & six Pence for Amt of Acct

Saturday 14 June 1777.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Marbury five Pounds, eleven shillings and six pence for Amt of Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to John Shockley seventeen pounds, nineteen shillings and two pence for Amt of Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to George Roberson nine pounds, seven shillings and eight Pence for Amt of Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Bennett Matthews five hundred and thirteen pounds, nineteen shillings and eight Pence for Amt of Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Bennett Matthews two hundred pounds, on Acct

Benjamin Wright appointed Ensign in the sixth Regiment, C. B.
in the Room of John Brady, who is absent from this State.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Captn David twenty four p^{r} shoes, forty p^{r} Trowsers, twenty four shirts, eight Hatts, one Jackett, six Bolts of Canvass N° 7 & six Bolts ditto N° 4.

That the Armourer deliver to Captn David one thousand Weight of Cannon Powder, one C^{t} w^{t} of Musq^{t} ditto, fifty w^{t} of Musq^{t} Ball & fifteen Musq^{ts} with Cartouch Boxes.

Michael Daugherty appointed 2^{d} L^{t} in Captn Harriss's Comp^{y} in the sixth Regiment.

John Shockley and George Robinson of Captain Long's Independent Company of Regulars being made Prisoners at Reduction of Fort Washington and discharged by the Enemy upon their and their Officer's Parole, as is represented to the Governor & Council, and there being no Prospect of a speedy Exchange, are therefore discharged from the Service of this State.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Mich^{l} Wallace for the use of Mrs Danl Kennedy Adm^{r} of Benj. Kennedy four hundred & twelve Pounds three shillings & ten pence, for Am^{t} of Acc^{t}

That an Account be returned by the Captains of the Companies of Matrosses of the Effects of each of the Soldiers who have died of their Companies respectively, and of the Balance due to, or from such Soldiers at the Time of his Death with his Captain, and also of the Disposition of his Effects, and that such Accounts be also rendered of the Effects of such, as may hereafter die, and that their Captains possess themselves of such Effects and if any of them shall happen to die in the Hospitals, the Quarter Master deliver to the Captains such Effects as may be at the Hospital taking the Captains Receipt therefor. this order is not intended to extend to any Effects other than those the Soldier may have with him at his Station, nor to any case where the Soldier is a married man, and his wife on the Spot, she being the properest Person to take Care of her Husband's Effects, but the Balance, if any due to the Company, to be paid before the Effects are delivered to the Widow

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to George Roberson eight Pounds, one shilling & ten pence for Am^{t} of Acc^{t}

That the said Treasurer pay to John Shockley seven pounds, fifteen shillings and six Pence for Am^{t} of Acc^{t}

That William Bacon of Worcester County attend the Governor & Council on Monday the thirtieth Instant and wait their further order.

C. B. Monday June 16th 1777.

Present as on Saturday, except Mr Sim and Mr Rogers. Mr Lloyd attended.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Roger Semmes eight pounds, nine shillings, and three pence, for Amt of Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo Thomas Price One Thousand Dollars on Acct of the second Regiment

Daniel Bryan appointed Master of the Galley Conqueror and Commission issued.

Cesar Lefrank second Lieutenant of the Conqueror and Commissioned

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Captain John David forty four pounds fourteen shillings and three pence for Balance of Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain John David the further sum of one hundred Pounds on Account

C. C. 111 [Council to J. David.]

In Council Annapolis 16th June 1777

Capt David.

As you inform us that the Conqueror is now fit for Service, we are desirous that her Efforts may be exerted to clear the North Channel of the Capes of the armed Vessels which we are informed have lately infested it, we presume you are stronger than any of them. We learn that the Frigate Virginia lies in York River, wherefore you will first go there, advise with Capt Nicholson as to your Plan, from him get Assistance in Men, if necessary, and act in Concert with any Force that he may have the Direction of. We expect that some of the Virginia Galleys may probably join you, but we do not intend by this Instruction to take from you or your Officers, any Part of the Command on Board your own Galley, but only that you act as one Vessel, if any join you, under the general Command of the oldest or superior Officer, if any older or superior to yourself. If the Virginia is gone, so that you cannot consult with Capt Nicholson it will be well, if you can, to get one or more of the Virginia Gallies to join you Get a good Pilot or two, if to be had; write us, if any Opportunity and by all Means cultivate a good Understanding with those who act with you, and remember that nothing can be more dishonorable than Disputes about Punctilio's so big with Disgrace & Ruin to our Cause and Country. We expect your Stay to be but short, we rely on your Discretion and wish you Success and Honor. We are &c.

Capt John David

Tuesday June 17th 1777 C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Commission of Letter Marque & Reprisal issued to Henry Geddis Master of the Privateer Schooner called the Gist mounting 2 Carriage Guns and navigated with 6 Men, belonging to William Hammond and others of Baltimore County.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Buckley forty eight Pounds for Amt of Account.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Nicholas White one hundred and fifty Pounds on Account of Contract.

Ordered, That the Supr of Gunlock Manufactory deliver to Nicholas White one hundred and ten Gunlocks.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Christo Edelin twenty one pounds ten shillings ꝑ Amot of Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Charles Wallace forty Pounds ꝑ Amt of Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to William Whetcroft Ninty pounds by order & for the use of Jenifer and Hooe on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo Peter Waters fifty five pounds thirteen shillgs and four pence on Acct of the 17th Batt. ꝑ Accot passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo Peter Waters the further sum of sixty two pounds fifteen shillings for the use of the aforesd Battalion ꝑ Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo P. Waters the further sum of three hundred and ninty pounds, eighteen shillings and three pence for the use of said Batt. ꝑ Acct

Commission issued to George Schoolfield appointed first Lieutenant

David Williams second Lieutenant of a Company in the 17th Battalion of Militia.

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to John Annis Ninteen pounds, seven shillings and three pence for Amot of Account

It being reported by Doctr Warfield that a number of Inhabitants of Ann Arundel County are greatly distressed for want of Medicine, Doctor Tootle is therefore requested to deliver to Doctr Warfield 2l P. Bark, ½ G. Camph. Gum Opii 2 oz Bal Cap. ½l Rad Jal. 1l: Sal. Cath. 5l Cal Ppd ½l Argent Viv which he has engaged to return upon the Arrival of the Medicine, which he is shortly in Expectation of

David Ferguson appointed 2d Lieut of the Galley Conqueror & Commissn issued

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Christo Parrott a Soldier in Capt. Bealls Company twenty shillings for a pr of Breeches.

C. C.
112

[Council to Col. Richardson.]

In Council 17th June 1777.

Sir.

In answer to yours of the 13th by Capt Emory we expected you would make Use of our Provisions, as we supposed you could not be otherwise furnished. A Commissary will be immediately wanted. Capt Emory tells us you had some Thoughts of employing your Quarter Master in that Department; we have no Objection to him or any Body you may approve, but imagine the Congress will not approve both Trusts being in the same Person. If you have not a Man more to your Mind, John Draine has been mentioned as a proper Person, he, last year, acted for Cummings on the Eastern Shore and perhaps, some of your Officers may be able to inform you how he acquitted himself. If you can go to Philadelphia we think it the most likely Way of getting Arms to your Satisfaction and other Articles you stand in Need of, such as we can supply, we send by Capt Emory with a List; we have been disappointed in the Tents we are sorry they are no better, they are all alike. We have reminded our Delegates of the Arms from Time to Time but hitherto, without Success, yet we think your personal Application would obtain them for your Battalion and probably, as we wish, for the 300 Militia. If they should be ordered, unless some Body is on the Spot to receive and attend to them; they may be half the Summer in getting down. We shall send you more Tents as we get them; if you get better at Philadelphia, these may be returned. There is Powder & Lead in the Magazine in Talbot, take thence, what may be immediately necessary; perhaps you may get the Cartridges you want in Philadelphia; we have but few Cartridges and those of uncertain Sizes. We apprehend the £10 for Servants is to be discounted out of the Bounty and first Month's Pay; if a Servant inlisted dies within the month, this State ought to loose the 50/, or what of it is not due from the Continent. As to the Manner of drawing the Pay, we should have no Objection to its being done here, if our Treasury could bear it, but it really will not, unless the Congress will supply it. We do not know how the Money is drawn where Troops are stationed without a Genl Officer to sign the Warrt or the Colonel's Abstract, but we imagine if an Abstract was made of the Pay now due there might, well enough, be an Advance of another Month's Pay, and at the End of two Months an Abstract for that Time, the Money due to be drawn and an Advance again of another Month's Pay and so an Advance of a Month beforehand for the Supply of Provisions, Quarter Master's Acct &ca We think it would be well, if it cannot be done otherwise, to apply to Congress for

such a Resolution and if it is too prolix or complicated for C. C.
their Attention, to give you the Power of drawing on your Abstract from the Treasury in Baltimore, or have Money lodged in our Treasury for the Purpose. We are very unwilling to remove the Officers appointed by the Assembly from one Regiment to another, and have not, therefore appointed Mr Hindman in your Battalion. From Colo Stone's Letter we believe there's no Difficulty in drawing the Pay for the Part of your Battalion now at Camp. As Things are circumstanced it cannot be expected to have the Officers and Men now returned; we presume the not settling their Accounts immediately cannot subject you or them to any Blame and if there should be any Loss, it will not light on you. We think it very likely that you will have the whole of your Battalion together soon, and therefore we have declined adding any Pieces of the other Companies to yours, which would be creating new Difficulties in your Accounts.

Colo Price's Adjutant returned without the Drummer, we request you'll send him over, it is very disagreeable to have Contentions about such Trifles and more so to have the same Thing before us over and over again. Gen[l] Smallwood is not yet come, we shall, if necessary, have the Sense of the Assembly, on the old Troops. We are &ca

Colo William Richardson

[Council to H. Hollingsworth.] 113

In Council Annapolis 17th June 1777.

Sir.

We have not heard whether you have sent forward any large Guns, we are anxious about them as Gen[l] Washington and every body else has Confidence in them, if you have any by you, send them forward, we are apprehensive they will be wanted before they get them. We are &ca

Colo Henry Hollingsworth.

Wednesday June 18th 1777 C. B.

Present, as on yesterday

Ordered that the Armourer deliver to Adam Coile for the use of N White of Frederick Town 110 Musquet Gun Barrels, 110 Setts of Brass mounting and 110 Musquet Bayonets, taking his Rec[t] therefor

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to William Wilkins Three hundred pounds on Account of Fortifications at Annapolis.

C. B. That the said Treasurer pay to Col° Ford one thousand Dollars on Acc^t 6th Regiment.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer Pay to Thomas Johnson Junr Nine pounds for Am^t of Acco^t

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Coward forty pounds ten shillings for Wages for himself and Men.

That the said Treasurer pay to Henry Talbott Thirty pounds on Acc^t

C. C. 114

[Council to N. Smith.]

In Council Annap^s 18th June 1777.

Sir.

Mr Samuel Dorsey tells us that he will have ten four Pounders ready for Proof next week, we shall be obliged to you to prove them To morrow Week. Mr Dorsey has 100^lb of Public Powder by him. We are &^ca

Maj^r Nathl Smith.

C. B.

Thursday June 19th 1777

Present as on yesterday.

Commissions issued to Solomon Kinton app^d Ensign of Capt. Hoppers Company also to

John Reynolds first Lieutenant
James Dwiggins Second Lieut
David Robinson Ensign of Capt Price's Company
Alexander Robinson first L^t
Solomon Mason second Lieut. of Capt. Jackson's Comp^y
Robert Hardcastle first Lieut.
William Chipley second Lieut
Peter Herrington Ensign of Capt. Hughletts Comp^y all of the 28th Battalion of Militia in Caroline County.

Commissions Issued to Nich^s Worthington Junr app^d Captain
Henry Bateman Junr first Lieut.
John Sears 2^d Lieut and
Caleb Burgess Ensign of a Company in the 7th Battalion of Militia in Ann Arundel County.

Commissions issued to John Kent app^d first Lieut of a Company of Militia embodied under the Resolve of Congress to serve under Col° Richardson and Philip Cassen app^d first Lieutenant, Valentine Green 2^d Lieut of a Company under the above Resolve

Commission issued to James Erreckson app^{d} second Lieut C. B.
Jacob Winchester Senr Ensign of Captain Elliots Company
Nathan Browne second Lieut
Samuel Beaton Ensign of Capt Bordley's Comp^{y}
George Hanson Capt Thos^{s} Emory first Lieut.
Peter Rich 2^{d} Lieut. William Hackett Ensign.
John Costin Captain
John Walker first Lieutenant
John Register Emory Captain
Thomas Bailey second Lieut
James Stenson Ensign
Nehemiah Noble Captain
James Bartlett first Lieut.
Thomas Duffey second Lieut
Peter Denny Ensign and
James Earle Quarter Master all of the 20th Battalion of Militia in Queen Ann's County.

Frederick Holtsman having under the Request of the Governor sent his Waggon to Baltimore Town, between 50 and 60 miles from his House to assist in removing the Powder to Frederick Town, and after waiting there some time, before M^{r} McHard got up to order the Powder, being prest to go to Philadelphia with Soldiers, it is thought just and reasonable to make him a reasonable allowance for his Journey from Home to Baltimore and from Baltimore Home again, Therefore it is ordered the Treasurer of the Western shore Pay to the said Frederick Holtsman Three pounds.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores at Ann^{s} deliver to Capt Robert Wright three hundred yards of Oznabrigs for Cloathing for his Comp^{y} of Militia & charge that Comp^{y} giving a mem^{o} of the Price.

Ordered That Thomas Smyth Esqr of Chester Town deliver to Capt Wright fifty Blankets for the use of his Company.

That the Commissary of Provisions at Ann^{s} deliver to Capt Wright, one Barrel Beef and two Barrels Bread

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Captain Robert Wright one hundred and twenty five pounds on Acc^{t}

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Robert Conway Three hundred and forty nine pounds sixteen shillings & Eleven Pence half penny for Bal^{e} of his Acco^{t} including the Pay Roll of his Men to the 15th Instant

Friday June 20th 1777

Present as on yesterday

Ordered, That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Edward Timmons, Ten Pounds, eleven shillings and eight pence for Amo^{t} of Account.

C. B. That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Wilson Esquire eighty pounds on Account.

That the Commissary of Stores at Annapolis deliver to Capt Robert Wright, four pieces Brittanias & charge his Comp^y with 'em

C. C. 115

[Council to S. Messersmith.]

In Council Annapolis 20th June 1777

Sir,

We have a good many Musquet Locks, Musquet Barrels and unfinished Bayonets by us, belonging to the Public and want them stocked, fitted & finished we would be glad to know whether you would undertake a number of them and at what Price; if you are inclined to do so, it might save some Time in finishing the Agreement by coming down. If there's any Body else who would contract and might be depended upon, we could employ him also. We are &ca

Mr Samuel Messersmith.

C. B.

Saturday June 21. 1777.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered, That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Phillip Hill one piece Brittanios, on Acc^t of second Regiment.

That the said Commissary deliver to Walter B. Cox Sundries he paying for the same.

That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to William Winder Junr eleven pounds five Shillings on Acco^t passed the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col^o John Dickenson two hundred and Ninty five pounds eighteen shillings and eight pence on Account of his Batt. passed by the Board of Acc^ts

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Keltie Sundries for his son a Prisoner, he paying for the same.

Commissions issued to William Deakins jun^r app^d Lieut Col^o

George Beall first Major
Saml Wade Magruder second Maj^r
Joseph Magruder Captain
Joseph White first Lieut
John Marquiss second Lieut
Thomas Scott Ensign
John Gaither Captain
Thaddeus Beall first Lieut
Jere Ducker second Lieut

John Sheckles Ensign C. B.
Charles Philips Ensign in Capt. Robt Bealls Compy
Peter Kurtz second Lieutenant
William Carter Ensign in Capt Mcfadons Company of the 29th Battalion of Militia in Montgomery County

Whereas Troops are frequently passing thro' George Town in Montgomery County I have therefore appointed and Do hereby by Virtue of the Act of Assembly intitled "an Act for quartering Soldiers" appoint Peter Kurtz of the said County to provide Quarters in George Town aforesaid for such Forces as may occasionally be in that Town according to the said Act
Given at Annapolis this 21 day of June 1777

Present as on Saturday except Mr Lee Mr Sim attended.
Commission of Letter of Marque and Reprisal issued to Robert Polk Master of the Privateer Sloop called the Black Joke mounting ten Carriage Guns and two Swivels and navigated with twenty five men belonging to William Lux, Samuel Purviance & others of Baltimore County.
Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to William Nevin and Compy Ninty eight pounds due on Acct passed
That the said Treasurer pay to Abraham Hoff two pounds and eleven pence Amot of Accot
That the said Treasurer pay to Messrs Jenifer and Hooe two thousand pounds on Account.
That the said Treasurer pay to Captain George Cooke fifty Pounds on Account.

[Council to R. Thompson.] C. C. 116

In Council Annapolis 21st June 1777

Sir
We expect in a few Days, a Quantity of Powder belonging to this State will be sent from Alexandria to George Town, we do not know the Quantity perhaps 100 Barrels and perhaps 300. We shall be obliged to you to receive and store it and, if necessary, have it coopered and made fit to remove to Frederick and, as Opportunities offer, to send it in Waggons to Frederick Town to Majr Benjamin Johnson; with each Parcel, send a Bill of it, to prevent Frauds. If you should receive one hundred Barrels or upwards, we would have a small Guard employed to watch it, and shall expect to pay every necessary Expence as well as a reasonable Reward for your Trouble. We are &ca

Mr Richard Thompson
George Town

C. C.
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[Council to Col. Hooe.]

In Council Annapolis 21st June 1777.

Sir

Presuming the Powder lately arrived in your Sloop and Conway is chiefly Cannon Powder, we intend to send a Vessel round for about 100 Barrels, and with some Things that are wanted by Capt Conway; if that imported in Conway, as well as that brought in by your Sloop, is for this State, we shall be obliged to you to send 150 Barrels to George Town to be delivered to Mr Richard Thompson who will receive and forward it to Frederick, but, if Conway's Importation is not for us, the Boat which we shall send may as well bring the 125 as the 100 only. Capt Kilty thinks the Lydia had better be run up to the Point, her Sails unbent and only a Couple of Hands kept to take Care of her: it is all uncertain; if you think so and she is at a very heavy certain Expence, we have directed the Captain to do so, we wish you to advise as you may think will probably turn out best. The Assembly have not yet told us that we may fit Conway for a Cruise, we expect they will.

Colo Hooe. We are &ca

C. B.

Tuesday June 24th 1777.

Present as on yesterday.

Captain Polk complains that three of his men, Charles Maccarthy, Carpenter, John Macoitty and William Burridge, are on board the Defence and detained from him, if they are there you are to bring them immediately before this Board.

To the Officer commanding
on board the Defence

Ordered That the Commissary of Provisions at Annapolis deliver to Nathl Bond five thousand pound Bread for the Ship Defence

That the Western shore Treasurer pay to Hugh Walker of Virg One hundred and four pounds four Shilling and seven pence Amt of Acct

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt: Campbell seventy hats and one hundred and ten Shirts for his Company.

Capt King,

You will proceed in the Plater to Bladensburgh, and there receive of Mr Lowndes what Cordage he may have for the Xebeck at Stephen Stewards. the Cordage you will Lodge at Mr Stewards in your way up. You will also in your way to

Bladensburgh call on Mr Hooe at Alexandria, & Let him know that in your way down, you will again call on him for the Powder he may have for us, we suppose 120 or 30 Barrels; & as you come back call and take it in, & bring it to Annapolis, you must be very carefull of it & to prevent Accidents. C. B.

Ordered, That the Commissary of Stores at Annapolis deliver to Mr Bond Sundry Cloathing to be charged to the Ship Defence

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Doctr Thomas for the use of George Wintz Eleven Pounds, Amot of his Acct passed

Commissions issued to William Wheatly appd Colo
Matthew Driver Lieut Colo
Nathl Potter first Major
Joseph Richardson second Maj
Shadrick Lighton Capt.
John Ascum Hooper first Lieut.
James White second Lieut.
Seth Evitt Ensign
Thomas Wm Lockerman Capt.
Alexander Waddell first Lieut
Richard Frantum second Lieut.
Prestin Gauden Ensign of Captn Staffords Compy

All of the 14th Batt. of Militia in Caroline County.

Wednesday June 25th 1777.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Capt Benjamin King Ten pounds on Accot

That the Commissary of Stores at Annapolis deliver to Capt Thomas Walker 17 pieces of Sail Duck for the use of the Baltimore Galley

Thursday June 26th 1777.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered, That the Commissary of Stores at Annapolis deliver to Major Fulford, one ps Brittanies

That Major Smith may allow a reasonable proportion of the Matrosses at Baltimore to go out to wheat Harvest he stopping pay and rations during their Absence.

That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to General Hooper Thirty pounds, five shillings and four pence on Acct of the

C. B. Detachments under Captains Joseph Robson, Arthur Whiteley and Stephen Woolford while in Actual service.

That the said Treasurer pay to Francis Stevens Nine Pounds seventeen shillings and six pence Amo^{t} of Acco^{t} passed.

That the Western Shore Treasurer Pay to Samuel Hughs Esquire two hundred Pounds Curr^{y} to be delivered to Col^{o} John Stull to Defray the Expences of Prisoners in Washington County to be charged to the Continent

That the Commissary of Provisions deliver to George Troxall Ten Bushels of Salt to be by him delivered to Col^{o} Stull for the use of the above Prisoners.

That the Treasurer of the western shore Pay to Samuel Wilson Esquire four hundred pounds Currency to be delivered to Thomas Jones of Somerset County on Acc^{t} he being employed to purchase Provisions and having purchased for the Public.

Friday June 27th 1777

Present as on yesterday.

Agreed with Abraham Faw to procure Materials, Workmen and Labourers for building the Barracks in Frederick and to Superintend and overlook them and the work and keep Accounts of all Expences, for which he is to be allowed eight ꝑ Cent on the money expended in the said Buildings, if Mr Faw should be obliged to travel any Distance for Nails, Glass or Workmen his reasonable travelling Expences are also to be allowed Abraham Faw.

Ordered, That the western shore Treasurer pay to Abraham Faw fifteen hundred pounds Currency on Acc^{t} & to be expended in building the Barracks in Frederick.

Pardon issued to Negro Cesar Slave of John Hamilton Smith of Calvert County.

Ordered, That the western shore Treasurer pay to Richard Hugh Neill, Twenty five Shillings Am^{t} of Acco^{t} passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Veazey the following Sums for the use of the following persons Viz.

Charles Heath two pounds ten shillings
John Veazey 3^{d} twelve pounds ten shillings
Richard Bond three pounds two shillings & six pence
Jacob Lumm four pounds seven shillings & six pence
William Armstrong eight pounds two shillings & six pence.
Hyland Price Two pounds ten shillings and
Richard Savin three pounds ten shillings

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel & Samuel Hughs fifty eight pounds ten shillings Curr^{y} due to Francis Burgess passed by the Board of Acc^{ts} and also the further Sum of eighteen pounds due to the said Francis Burgess on Acc^{t} passed. C. B.

That the said Treasurer pay to Doct^{r} Henry Snebely one hundred & eight pounds and two pence Curr^{y} due to sundry persons Am^{t} of Acc^{t} passed by the Board for board^{g} Soldiers of Cap. Hynes Comp^{y} & for their use.

Ordered, That the western shore Treasurer pay to Doct^{r} Henry Snebely one hundred & seven pounds Curr^{y} for the use of John Unsold due him on Acc^{t}

[Council to J. Watson.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 27th June 1777 118

Sir.

William Ward the Post Rider having reported that the Virginia Frigate was taken by 70 Men in an eighteen gun Vessel, Sword in Hand, and that the Marylanders were said, in Virginia, to be great Cowards for giving up such a ship to such a Force, we thought proper to call on him to know the Grounds he had for such News and he says it was so reported at Alexandria, and that one Mr Chapman of Mill Run in particular, he heard speak of it. In his Journey next before this, he mentioned that he had met with an Express who told him, that he was going to recall the Troops because of a Skermish at York, in which we were worsted. We do not know the general Conduct or Character of William Ward, but, if you do not know him to be well attached, we think this discouraging false News may probably have originated with himself, with the bad Design of discouraging, and that he is improper for his Employment; if it proceeds from Weakness and Credulity, your Caution, with ours, may not be unnecessary.

Mr Josias Watson. We are &^{ca}

Saturday June 28th 1777 C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Lux and Bowley two hundred and eighty six pounds, one shilling and one penny due on Acc^{t} passed the Board and also the further sum of two hundred pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Polk sixteen pounds, eleven Shillings and the further Sum of one pound, seventeen shillings and six pence due on Acc^{ts} passed by the Board of Acco^{ts}

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Bond one hundred & forty Pounds on Account

C. C. [Council to Assembly.]

119 Gentlemen of the General Assembly.

The Resolutions of the late Convention for reinlisting the old Battalion and the Independent Companies, directing one Regiment to be formed of the first and another of the latter. The Men of those Corps respectively who have gone into the Continental Service have been incorporated into the first and second Regiments, but many of the old Troops are yet scattered about, and several of the Officers have represented that they know of some of them who would chearfully engage in the Service, if they were indulged with the Liberty of choosing in which of our Regiments to serve; The Council and I were inclined strongly, to have given the Indulgence requested, if we had considered ourselves at Liberty to do so, and submit to your Consideration, whether the General Service would not be promoted by allowing any of our Officers to inlist the old Troops, who have not yet come in. The Resolutions for raising the first of the Artillery Companies, ascertained their Pay and Cloathing; The Resolution for raising the additional Companies, allowed several further Articles of Cloathing; The Resolution of the General Assembly of the fourteenth of April last entitles them to the same Pay as the Continental marching Regiments, without saying any Thing of their Cloathing, and the Resolution of the eighteenth of April allows the Marines the same Pay and Cloathing as the Artillery Men, from whence there is no Doubt but that the Allowance of Cloathing was presumed to be alike to every Company and the Officers claim for their Men, the same Cloathing as the Continental Troops are entitled to. It is desirable that some explanatory Resolution might be passed that the Men may have their Accounts fully settled.

28th June 1777

120 [Council to Col. Hooe.]

In Council Annapolis 28th June 1777

Sir.

We thought it best to send the Molly on a Cruise and thought, from the Opinion several Gentlemen of the Assembly expressed, we should have been at Liberty to do so, but the Assembly think she may be much more advantageously employed in a Voyage to import Salt and Medicines. We have therefore to request of you to procure her a Load of Tobacco as speedily as you can. We would yet have her armed and not so deep but that she may avail herself of her fast Sailing, for she is a favourite Vessel and we wish her by no Means, to fall into the Enemy's Hands. We intend to send Capt Conway Orders, by the Time he is ready to sail

Colo Hooe We are &ca

[Council to Capt. Conway.] C. C.
In Council Annapolis 28th June 1777 121

Sir.

We were in Hopes that the General Assembly would have approved our Design of fitting out the Molly merely as a Cruiser, but they thinking she would be much more advantageously employed in a Voyage to import Salt and Medicines, which are much wanted, we are obliged to abandon the Scheme and have wrote Mr Hooe to purchase and put on Board, as soon as he can, a Load of Tobacco, the only Produce that we imagine will in any Degree indemnify the Expence. We hope you will be soon ready and intend sending your Orders in Time before you Sail We are &ca

Capt Conway

Tuesday July 1st 1777 C. B.

Present as on Saturday Mr Lee attended.

Ordered, That the western shore Treasurer pay to Captain John Keltie two hundred and sixty pounds, six shillings and eight pence due on ꝑ Pay Roll.

That the said Treasurer pay to Zephaniah Turner five pounds ten shillings on Acct of Richard Gambier Amot of Acct passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Ann Williams four pounds ten shillings Amot of Accot

That the said Treasurer pay to William Goldsmith twenty Nine pounds nineteen shillings and two pence for Amot of Accot

That the said Treasurer pay to John Small two pounds ten shillings for Amot of his Accot

William Bacon appeared according to the Condition of his Bond, is hereby Discharged from Confinement, and he afterwards voluntarily took the Oath of Allegiance and Fidelity to the State prescribed by the form of Government

Thomas Johnson Junr appointed Clerk to the Council in the room of Richard Ridgely who has resigned, and Qualified by taking the oaths and subscribing the Declaration directed by the form of Government, taking the Oath prescribed by the General Assembly and the Oath of Office as appears by a Certificate of Allen Quynn a Justice of the Peace for Ann Arundel County

Commissions issued to Richard Barnes appd Lieut of Militia for St Marys County

William Bordley	Kent
James Brice	Anne Arundel
Benjamin Mackall 4th	Calvert

C. B.

Francis Ware	Charles
George Dashiell	Somerset
Henry Hooper	Dorchester
Andrew Buchanan	Baltimore
Charles Rumsey	Cecil
Luke Marbury	Prince Georges
Christ° Birkhead	Talbot
William Hemsley	Queen Annes
Joseph Dashiell	Worcester
Charles Beatty	Frederick
Aquilla Hall	Harford
William Whitely	Caroline
Daniel Hughs	Washington
Charles Greenbury Griffith	Montgomery

Wednesday July 2d 1777.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered, That the western shore Treasurer pay to Richd Burland two hundred & eighteen pounds, thirteen shillings & six Pence due on Account passed the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Ball one pound fifteen shillings due on Acct Passed.

Capt: Cooke,

The Governor being informed that Quantities of Sugar, Coffee, Rum and other Articles which were engrossed and Stored in Baltimore Town were yesterday on board Craft with intention to remove the same out of this State, you are immediately to proceed in a Boat with a Sufficient force to Patapsco and so up the River to Baltimore Town and examine all Craft you may meet with, and if you find any having on board, Salt, Rum, Sugar, Molasses Coffee or Iron which you have good cause to suspect is Attempting to be removed out of this State you are to compel such Craft to return to Baltimore Town, give Information to a Magistrate and if he judges the goods are forfeited have the same stored for the use of the Public. If you are informed that any Craft is gone to the Head of Elk or else where up the Bay with any of the said Articles for the removal of them out of this State you are to follow them and endeavor to bring them back.

Ordered, That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Col° Sim one Thousand Dollars on Acct of the first Regiment.

That the said Treasurer pay to Christopher Edelin Three hundred and eight pounds, eleven shillings and two pence for removing British prisoners from Frederick Town to Burlington.

Ignatius Boone who inlisted in Capt. Scott's Company of Smallwoods Battalion & reinlisted in Capt. Harwoods Company of the first Regiment having since had a Dropsical Complaint from which he is not recovered is adjudged incapable of Service and is therefore discharged on refunding the Bounty Money he received. C. B.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Cooke two pieces of Britanies & Drilling for Breeches.

That the said Commissary deliver Sundries on Acc^{t} of 6th Reg

That the said Commissary deliver to Capt Brown Thirty eight Hatts on Acco^{t} of his Comp^{y} of Artillery.

That the Western shore Treasurer pay to William Brown one hundred & thirty eight pounds, twelve shillings due on Acco^{t} passed the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Edmondson one Thousand Dollars on Acco^{t} & to be charged to the fifth Regiment

John Draine is appointed Commissary to Col^{o} Richardson's Regiment and the Militia that may join him in Consequence of the Resolution of Congress.

There being no Muster Master appointed by Congress attending in the State of Maryland, nor any Continental Muster Master who will probably soon attend to Muster Col^{o} Richardson's Regiment, Therefore Col^{o} Harrison is empowered and requested to Muster the said Battalion agreeable to the Truth thereof.

Ordered, That the Commissary of Stores deliver Sundries on Account of the first Regiment.

That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Cornelius Mills Three pounds due on Account passed.

Capt. Belt. The General Assembly having approved our design of fitting out the Xebec Johnson as a Cruizer, you are to get her rigged and Manned as quick as possible We wish her manned agreeable to you and therefore shall not appoint any Officers without your Recommendation or consulting you. It appears to us likely that the Men will the most willingly engage for a Cruize only and therefore we would have you engage them for the Cruize of six months to be discharged sooner, if the Vessel returns sooner to this Port. They are to be intitled in every respect as they would be in a private Ship of War. And as a further encouragement you may advance as far as twenty Dollars to every Seaman & as far as ten Dollars to every Landsman to be deducted & returned to the Public out of their Respective Share of Prize Money. We expect to supply you with Provisions here. If you hear of any six

C. B. pounders, Advise of it that we may get them for you. The Twelves we expect to get from the Messrs Hughes's; Mr Steward will assist you in any thing he can. To prevent disappointments from a frowardness of disposition retain no body but who signs Articles on his first coming to you.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to James Taylor, Twenty five Pounds, three shillings & six pence due on Acc^{t} passed.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Farnandes McPherson and Young Sundries on Acc^{t} of 1st Regim^{t}

That the Western shore Treasurer pay to James Maynard twenty five pounds for three Months attendance as Messenger to the Council due 20th June last

John Veach who inlisted in Capt Sims Company of Smallwoods Battalion from his Indisposition is adjudged incapable of Service and is therefore discharged.

Kendal Smock who was of Longs Independent Comp^{y} having as appears by an Affidavit lodged, procured a Man to inlist in his Room on or about the 14th Day of April last which Substitute was accepted & hath marched he the said Kendal Smock is Discharged.

C. C. 122

[Council to W. Richardson.]

In Council 2^{d} July 1777

Sir.

We find ourselves unable to fill up the Vacancies in your Regiments with Satisfaction to ourselves. From the Conversations we have had with you from your Letters, and from Mr Edmondson's Discourse, we have good Reason to think several of your Officers have been remiss in their Duty and are indeed not qualified in any tolerable Degree. We are empowered by the Congress, to remove any Officers who are not attentive to their Duty, and are willing to do so. We therefore, as soon as it is convenient, wish to see you and are determined to make any such Arrangement of your Regiment as you may recommend and we judge proper; a personal Conversation with you & your advice will be necessary. By the Resolutions of Congress, no Gen^{t} in the Army can draw Pay for acting in two Capacities, which occasioned our former Remark. We inclose you an Appointment of Mr Draine and a Power to Col^{o} Harrison to muster your Battalion, as soon as you think proper, to Salisbury or the Neighbourhood of it as you may judge best and keep the whole of it together or divide it as you may see occasion. The View of keeping your Regiment in the State was, as you are acquainted, to be in a

Situation to prevent an Intercourse between the Disaffected in Sussex and those in the Lower Counties of this State to be ready to act in either, as Occasion might require and to enable you to fill up your Regiment; you will therefore consider yourself at large to dispose of your Regiment in such Manner as you may judge most likely to answer those Ends. If any Thing should occur to make our Advice desirable, we shall readily give it, but in general you must be much better able to judge on the Spot, than we can be here. We have some Provisions in Somerset County, whilst our Stock lasts, we shall assist you, but if Cattle could be got and Salt & fresh Provisions dealt out and dressed together it would be better for the Men, for the Salt will otherwise be expended before it will be safe to keep the Men wholly on fresh. We have given Mr Edmondson an Order for one Thousand Dollars. C. C.

Colo Wm Richardson We are &ca

Thursday 3d July 1777 C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Whereas information on Oath hath been made to us that you have a Servant Man named Dennis Sulivan the property of William Whetcroft on board the Defence which you refused delivering up, you are therefore requested to deliver said Servant to the Bearer hereof on his Application.

To the Commanding Officer on board the Ship Defence

Friday 4th July 1777

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered, That the western shore Treasurer pay to Richard Dorsey sixty six pounds, four shillings and three pence for Amt of Acct passed

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt: Lawrence for Sundries for Accot of 6th Regiment.

John Ghiselin appointed Capt. in the room of Hooper Hudson deceased in the 6th Regiment.

Abraham Broom of Cecil County appointed first Lieut. in Capt. Truman's Company in the same Regiment

George Jacob Ensign in Capt: Bealls Compy in same Regt appd second Lieut. in Capt: Dobson's Compy and Charles Bevan of Charles County appd Ensn in Geo: Jacob's place

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Charles Wallace & Co forty pounds due on Acct passed and also the further Sum of Nine pounds ten shillings and eight pence on Acct passed by the board of Accts

C. B. Benjamin Murdock appointed second Lieutenant in Capt: Reynolds's Company in the seventh Regiment

Ebenezer Finley second Lieutenant in Capt: Dorseys Comp^y of Matrosses is appointed first Lieut.

William Judah third Lieut in same Comp^y is appointed second Lieut and Thomas Cole app^d Third Lieut of that Comp^y & Commiss^d

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut. Col^o fford four Thousand Dollars on Account of 6th Regiment

That the said Treasurer pay to James Taylor seven pounds seventeen shillings and six pence for three Guns

That the said Treasurer pay to Edward Timmins six pounds one shilling and three pence Curr^y due on Acc^t passed

Thomas Todd appointed & Commissioned first Lieuten^t of Capt. Campbell's Company of Matrosses in the Service of this State

Ordered That Monsr Jacques Bagues a French Gentleman be received into Capt. Campbells Comp^y as a Cadet & Draw Lieutenants pay and Rations

C. C. 123 [Council to N. Smith.]

In Council Annapolis 4th July 1777.

Sir.

Mr Cummings's Contract for supplying the Matross Companies has been expired for some Time past, his new Proposals we did not think proper to agree to; some Body will be wanting in Baltimore chiefly to deal out the Provisions. We wish you to enquire for and recommend a proper Person; the sooner the better. We imagine that some one of the Subaltern Officers might willingly undertake this Business for moderate pay and execute it to Satisfaction. We are &^ca

To Maj^r Nathl Smith

C. B. Saturday 5th July 1777

Present as on yesterday.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Sim Esquire Twenty eight pounds seventeen shillings and six Pence for Attendance in Council

Special Commissions of Oyer and Terminer and Goal Delivery issued to Queen Anns County directed to John Goldsborough, John Bracco John Brown, John Thompson & William Hemsley or any three or more of them by Virtue of the Act entitled an Act to enable the Governor to issue Commissions of Oyer & Terminer & Goal Delivery in certain cases for the Tryal of all Offences directed in the said Act committed on the Eastern Shore of this State

John Williams of Brown's Company an Invalid discharged

Monday July 7th 1777 C. B.

Present as on Saturday except Mr Sim & Mr Lee. Mr Rogers Attended

Ordered, That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Coward twenty pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to William Jacob one hundred & Ninty two pounds, seven shillings and seven pence Curry Amt of Acct

Commission of Lre of Marque & Reprisal issued to Thomas Steel Master of the Privateer Schooner called the Beggars Benison, mounting six Carriage Guns navigated with Six men belonging to William Hammond, Thomas Russell, Statia Hepbourn of Baltimore County and James & Joseph Williams of Annapolis.

Capt. Wright, As the small pox is at Cambridge and you are informed some of Colo Richardson's Regiment have it, you are not to march your Company to join him till he moves to Salisbury or its neighbourhood which we expect will be soon.

Commission's issued to Robert Wright appd Capt: of a Company of Militia of this State embodied under the late Resolution of Congress.

Thomas Clymer appd Ensign in same Compy

James Jno Skinner Lieut in the Matrosses, appd second Lieut in Adam Groshes Compy of Gunbys Regiment in the room of Edward Clayton who hath accepted a Commission in one of the sixteen Regiments

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Michael Foy seventeen pounds, Ten shillings Curry due on Acct passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Williams fifteen pounds seventeen shillings and five pence due on Acct passed.

[Council to J. Seney.] C. C. 124

In Council Annapolis 7th July 1777.

Sir

Capt Wright informs us you have a small Sum about £35. of Public Money in your Hands, and that the Purchase Money is yet due to several Persons from this Committee for Guns bought by them last Year for the Flying Camp. You will therefore pay into the Hands of Solo Wright Esqr who was Chairman of the Committee, the Public Money in your Hands, to be by him applied in Discharge of those Claims and accounted for. We are &ca

Mr John Seney
Queen Ann's Coty

C. C. 125

[Council to Lux and Calhoun.]

In Council Annapolis 7th July 1777.

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On Capt Cook's Return he reported his proceedings under the Instructions he received from us which were calculated to prevent any Evasion of the late Act and, as far as might be, any Trouble or Inconvenience to those who were not the Objects of the Act. He has also shewn us that the Iron on Board the Schooner Betsey Wm Trimble Master, the Schooner Willing Maid Caleb Hall Master, the Schooner Liberty James Taylor Master & the Schooner Swan Joseph Forster Mastr hath been relanded under your Advice, that the Exportation of that Iron was contrary to the Act. The Circumstances of the Iron which was on Board those Vessels are not fully enough before us to determine whether it might or might not be exported. Capt Cooke tells us that chief of Iron belongs to Mr Hudson who told him that he was about sending it to Virginia and would do so, though he would give him no satisfactory Reason, or rather, no Reason at all for that his Resolution. We take it that two Sorts of People are the Objects of the Law, Persons from the neighbouring States who have ingrossed Iron &ca That Iron is not to be removed out of the State, and Inhabitants of this State who have ingrossed Iron &ca with Intent to sell the same again at high and exorbitant Prices. The Intent to sell the same again we take to be an essential Circumstance to prohibit their Exportation. It does not seem to be the Design of the Act to prevent all Exportation of Iron but only to prevent its being hoarded up with a View & Design to make an artificial Scarcity to inhance the Price; therefore if Iron is bought up for immediate Exportation we do not think it an Object of the Act Whether this or any of it was, for such Purpose, we cannot determine if it was, we think the Exportation of it is allowable, or if it was purchased for Persons to use in Virginia, it seems clear of the Act. If the Fact should be within the Exemption according to our Construction and our Construction agreeable to your Opinion, on the Act, you'll be pleased to give Orders for the Owners of the Iron to have it again, if not we presume it ought to be proceeded against or forfeited We are &c.

To Wm. Lux & James Calhoun Esq.

Baltimore

Original.

[N. Smith to Gov. Johnson.]

Baltimore the 7th July 1777

Sir

I recd your favour of the 4th Inst & observe the Contents, woud Recomend Lievt Judah (who will hand you this) as a

proper person, to deal out the provisions, for the Companys stationed here, I spoke to severall pepole none of which inclined to undertake it for less than one hundred pounds he says he will do it for £60. p year, & belive him to be as Capable to do it as any one in this place, I suppose the Provision will be Cheifly laid in by some other person. C. C.

I proved eleven guns a few days ago for Mr Dorsey which were all good, he desired I wou'd mention to you that he was in want of steel to dress them, which he says the State were to supply him with

I Observe in the last Maryland Gazette that there is an Act to give Soldiers thirty Dollars more then the Continental Allowance. I think the officers of the Artillery may be Able to enlist more men, then any other officers in this place, they can be enlisted to march to the Camp whenever Ordered, & kept at Drill at the Fort, till ready to march, if you think Proper, will Recomend to the officers to git all the men they can which may go into any Regiment you may think proper to Order.

I should be glad to know wheather we can enlist men for the Artillery & give them the thirty dollars Bounty.

I am very sorry that I think myself obliged to mention to you the treatment I Recd from Capt Cook a few days ago which was as follows (when Capt Cook came here from Annapolis, I came in Company from the Point to Town, he did not mention that he shou'd want any Assistance from me) in less than a half hour after he Came to Town he went in a peremtory manner without my knowlege & ordered the guards under my Command on board some Vessells, at the County wharfe. as soon as I was informed of it I waited on Capt Cook & told him I did not think he used me well, he told me he had a Right to demand Assistance from me. My Answer was that I was ready & Willing to give all the Assistance in my power to aney Officer in the State, but that I did not think any officer & perticular one belonging to the Naval department had a Right to Command me, or my men without my knowlege unless I had Orders from you.

Capt Cook placed at the Fort one Mr Gillis (who I was afterward informed was second mate of the Ship) to bring all Vessells too. I was told he went so far as to insist on a Gentleman (going to North Carolina) showing him his private instructions after showing his other papers, & that he had Ordered one of the Serjants to Assist him in stopping the Vessel or pepole without informing aney Commissioned officer his Bussiness there, I then went to Mr Gillis & asked him if he had Orders to take Command of the Fort, he told me no, I asked him if he had Orders to Act in the maner he did, he told me

C. C. he had them in his pocket, given by Capt Cook. I asked him if he wou'd let me see them he told me no, I then asked him his Reason for not showing them to me he told me that it was Capt Cooks Orders that he shou'd let no man see them.

If I had acted in a line of my duty shoud have put him under Arrest, but Concluded Capt Cook had given such Orders & did not Chose at that time to enter into disputes with any officer belonging to the State.

Had Capt Cook Apply'd to me or aney officer at the Fort he might have had every Vessell Stop't without putting himself to the trouble of sending his mate there, which I took in no other light then insulting me, but as I did not know what your Orders were, did not Act in the same manner as I shoud otherwise have done. as I am Confident you wou'd not allow aney officer in the State to be Ill treated unless he deserved it) cant imagine you gave Capt Cook Orders to Act as he did.

I am Sir
Your mo Oblidged
Hhble Servt
Nathl Smith

C. B. Tuesday July 8th 1777.

Present as on yesterday.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Good twenty seven pounds, seven shillings and six pence due on Acct passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Wm Terrence Nineteen pounds seventeen shillings & six pence due on Acct passed.

John Good who was of the Light Infantry Company of Smallwoods Battalion being unable for further Duty is hereby discharged.

William Terrence who was of the Light Infantry Company of Smallwoods Battalion being unable for further Duty is hereby discharged.

Ordered That, the western shore Treasurer pay to Robert Miles Nine pounds Curry due on Acct passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Peter Littig seventeen pounds sixteen shillings and six pence and also the further Sum of one pound five shillings and six pence due on Accts passed by the board of Accts

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt: Campbell Three hundred and forty eight pounds, three shillings and six pence Cury due to his Compy for Deficiency of Cloathing allowed for the present year ending first of Jany next.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert I. Smith sixty five pounds amot of Acct passed by the Board.

[Gov. Johnson to W. Cowper.] C. C. 126

Annapolis 8th July 1777.

Sir.

Mr McHerd, on his Return, told me of your Friendly Disposition towards the Design on which the Council and myself had sent him to Virginia and Carolina, by which we are very much obliged. Capt Webb called on me with your Letter, I should gladly have purchased the Salt on the Public Account to have delivered it out to the People in small Quantities, if Capt Webb could have thought himself at Liberty to deliver it at 51/, our Currency, the highest Price that the Council and myself thought, from what we could understand of the Cost & Charges, it is allowable to be retailed at, under our late Act. But the Capt thinking himself bound, by your Instructions, not to sell under the highest Price going at Baltimore, was disinclined to accept it. I inclose you one of our Papers, which contains our late Act against Ingrossing & Forestalling, thinking it may not be unuseful to you. If the Practices, which began in Philadelphia, were soon adopted in Baltimore and have been since extended southward, are suffered to continue, instead of 20 Dollars, which I have understood has been extorted in Baltimore, I should not wonder that a Bushel of Salt was up to twenty Pounds merely from the artificial scarcity but I hope Virginia and the other States will take Measures to suppress the growing Evil, else, I am apprehensive, our Cause is ruined.

Mr McHerd tells me that Mr Josiah Jordan offered to supply this State with one thousand Pair of good Shoes at two Dollars, to be delivered this Fall; we shall want them for our Soldiers and I shall take it kind that you would let Mr Jordan know that we will take them, but must be on a Certainty, as to the Time we may have them. Deliveries of Parts at set Times may suit him best and do very well for us. I am Sir &ca

Mr Willis Cowper Suffolk.

Wednesday 9th July 1777. C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

George Ross appd first Lieutenant of the Ship of War Defence & Commission Issued, he having served from the 18th March last

John Roger's second Lieut, served from 11 March

Thomas Broomfield Capt. of Marines, served from 25 April

Vachel Yates first Lieut of Marines served from 23 Feby

Warrants Issued to Samuel Walker appd Master of the Defence & served from 22d April last

C. B. George Robertson Doct^r of said Ship served 20 May & Nathaniel Bond purser.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Henry Meroney Nine pounds seven shillings & six pence due on Acc^t passed.

That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to William Stevenson six hundred and eighty six pounds nine shillings & two pence Currency to be by him delivered to Col^o Zadock Purnall for the use of the Detachments of his Batt. in service to be accounted for & the further sum of three hundred and Thirteen pounds, ten shillings & ten pence Currency due his Battalion per Acco^t passed the Board.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt: George Cooke four hundred pounds on Acc^t

Lieutenant William Judah is appointed a Commissary for the purpose of dealing out Rations and Provisions to the Matrosses at Baltimore Town and Whetstone point ffort at the rate of sixty pounds ꝑ Annum.

Ordered That Mr. Jesse Hollingsworth deliver to Lieut. Judah Biscuit for the use of the above Matrosses occasionally as he may want it

C. C. 127

[Council to Col. Purnell.]

In Council 9th July 1777.

Sir.

Agreeable to your Desire in your Favour of the 4th instant by Mr Stephenson, we have delivered to him Orders on the Eastern Shore Treasurer for £1000. 313 10 10 thereof, as the Amount of your Account sent us & adjusted by the Board of Accounts, and the Residue to be applied to defray the Charges of erecting the Battery at Sinepuxent and the other necessary Militia Expences. We have no Knowlege of the Accounts you mention to have been transmitted last Fall; the Clerk of the Assembly who possesses all their Papers, is not in Town, and as the Assembly have not, as we know of, given any Directions respecting those Accounts we apprehend they must remain in their present State, until their next Session. The Act of Assembly passed last Session, for regulating the Militia, a Copy of which Mr Stephenson takes with him, renders any further Notice of the Circular Letter, directing the Raising three Companies of your Battalion, unnecessary. You will perceive, by the Militia Law, the Manner in which the Militia of this State are hereafter to be conducted and that no Commissions can issue until the Lieutenants have divided the Militia into Battalions and Companies and made Returns to the Governor & Council according to the Directions of that Law. Col^o Richardson we understand is now at

Philadelphia and we have Reason to think he will be ordered C. C.
by Congress to Sussex to prevent any future Communication between the Disaffected there and the Enemy's Ships of War. We presume it would not have the desired Effect to begin the Building of a Gondola at this late Season, as the Mischief might be accomplished before she could be finished; we therefore have some Thoughts of sending one of the Gondolas from hence, in Aid of your Battery, if we should think the Voyage round can be effected; in the mean Time, we hope your Battery will continue to deter the Enemy from making any Attempts upon the Inlet of Sinepuxent

Lt Col^o Purnall We are &^ca

[Council to N. Smith.] 128

In Council 9th July 1777.

Sir.

We have appointed Lieu^t Judah to the Office mentioned in your Letter of the 7th Ins^t and make no Doubt of his discharging the Trust reposed in him with Fidelity. There is a small Quantity of Steel here, belonging to this State, which we expect will answer Mr Dorsey's present purpose, and which we shall contrive to him by the first Opportunity. It does not seem to us that the late Law respecting the additional Bounty of thirty Dollars exclusive of the Continental Allowance, will justify our adopting the Mode you propose to promote the recruiting Service, in as much as the Law has pointed out a different Plan, and does not allow of any Deviation from it. We have had before us, (in Consequence of your Complaint respecting Capt Cooke) the two Officers of the Ship Defence who were immediately employed by the Capt in executing the Business we had sent him upon; the one his L^t who informs us that upon the Captain's Arrival in Baltimore Town, he, the Lieu^t went at the Captain's Desire, to request your Assistance for a Guard over a Vessel which had Salt on board, as represented, with Design of removing the same out of this State, contrary to the Law lately passed against forestalling. That he endeavoured to find you, but not being able to meet with you readily, he then went to the Guard House, enquired for the Officer of the Guard, and finding no commanding Officer there, he requested the Sergeant, who, he was told, commanded the Guard, to aid Capt Cooke with two File of Men, which was chearfully complyed with and that the Men were, in a very short Time, discharged. The other Person (the second Mate) informed us that he went, by the Captain's Order by Water to the Fort Wharf in Execution of the Business before mentioned and that tho' he desired, as a Favour,

C. C. a Sergeant who happened upon the Wharf and with whom he had then made some slight Acquaintance, to do some small Service for him ; he never asked or demanded, or had Occasion to ask or demand, or received any Aid from the Fort, and that he refused to shew his Instructions in pursuance of his Capt^s Orders which were designed, as the Capt alledges, to obviate the Inconvenience of his being obliged to shew them to Masters of the Vessels who might, perhaps be too curious. We also are informed by Capt Cooke, that he wrote to the Commanding Officer of the Fort to lend his Assistance to his Officer, if it should be necessary, and which corresponds with the written Instructions produced by the Officer. Upon the Whole we apprehend the Information you have had, respecting the Conduct of Capt Cooke & his Officers as mentioned in your Letter, has not been well founded, and, from the best Judgment we are able to form upon the Examination we have made, there was no Intention, on the Part of Capt Cooke, to treat you with any Slight in the Management of the Affairs he had been intrusted with.

Yet if you think this Matter is not properly represented by Capt Cooke & his Officers we shall, if you desire it, make a more formal Inquiry on Affidavits being made, a proper Way, we think, to lay the Foundation of calling on an Officer for his Conduct, which, in some Degree carries an Imputation with it. You may be assured we had no Intention of your being ill treated in any Degree ; we sent Capt Cooke, who was not at all honored by the Commission, and, we believe, he has executed it with the Fidelity and Diligence we expected.

Major Nathl Smith We are &^ca

C. B. Thursday 10th July 1777.

Present as on yesterday.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Middleton five pounds Am^t of his Acc^t passed the board

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Berry Thirty pounds, Ten shillings and eight pence Balance of his Acc^t passed the Board

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Casey Express from Norton & Beall seventeen Pounds Ten shillings.

That the Armourer deliver to Mr Winters twenty five Gun Barrels, twenty five Locks & Powder to prove them to be Stocked by him.

[Council to Norton and Beall.] C. C. 129

In Council Annapolis 10th July 1777.

Gent

From your Letter of the 20th June, as well as the Information we have from Time to Time received of the Disposition of the British Men of War and armed Vessels, we thought it unsafe to send to Kemp's Landing for our Arms &ca however you can better Judge on the Spot and if you think it adviseable to risk them immediately from thence, we shall be obliged to you to hire Boats and send them as soon as you can, if you think it imprudent, or cannot immediately get Vessels, we shall be glad you'd order them up to Williamsburg by Water and so across to the Creek which makes out of York. We were getting one of our Boats ready to have sent in a Day or two & shall still send her to Capt David of the Galley in York, with Directions to the Galley and Boat to go up the Creek and wait for the Delivery of the Goods, but if by any Accident they should not get there by the Time the Goods are ready, we shall be obliged to you to hire a Boat or two & send them forward. We were fearful, from your former Letter, the Arms might be injured, though we hoped they were not in so bad a Condition as you mention in yours of the fifth Instant. Presuming the Tin is wanted for Public Use and desirous of assisting our Neighbours in any Thing we can, we agree that the State of Virginia have one tenth Part of the Tin imported.

We are Gent. with thanks for your Attention Yrs. &c.

Messrs Norton and Beall

Friday 11th July 1777. C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

That the western shore Treasurer Pay to James John Skinner one hundred Dollars on Acct of 7th Regiment

Adam Muir appointed & Commissioned Naval Officer of the sixth District in the room of Mr Campbell Deceased.

Majr William Morris appd & Commissioned Register of Wills in Worcester County in the room of Mr Harris Deceased

That the Commissary of Provisions deliver to Capt: David ten barrels Beef, five Bbles Pork & one thousand lb Bread

That the western shore Treasurer Pay to John Francis Cleguoss Sixty pounds Ten shillings on Acct passed the Board.

C. B. Saturday 12th July 1777

Present as on yesterday.

Capt: David. You will proceed with the Conqueror to York River in Virginia, and thence up the Creek, which Leads to Williamsburgh, and call on Messrs Norton & Beall, to whom we wrote by Express a Day or two ago for the Arms and other goods belonging to this State, part of which was at Kemps Landing, and which we hope will by the Time you get there, have been removed to Williamsburgh. Capt: Coward is to go with you, he is to take what he can, and you will convoy him, taking the rest. If any thing must be left, do not let it be any of the Arms, which we fear are spoiling with the rust. If the goods should not have been removed from Kemps Landing, get Messrs Nortons & Bealls orders, and a Boat or two in James River, and send a trusty Officer or two to bring them to Williamsburgh, to be carted across. If Messrs Norton & Beall should have ordered the Goods up here in other Vessels; immediately, you'll proceed back. Shew these orders to those Gentlemen, and follow their directions about the Goods, they have kindly assisted us in several things.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Capt David two hundred Dollars on Accot

Monday 28th July 1777.

His Excellency Thomas Johnson Esquire absent
The same Councilors present as on the 12 Inst except Mr Polk
Mr Lee attended.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Josiah Polk Esquire one hundred and Thirty six pounds two shillings and six pence for attendance in Council.

Commission of Lre of Marque & Reprisal issued to John Martin Master of the Privateer Schooner called the Swallow mountg four Howitzers and four Swivels Navigated with fifteen Men belongg to Hugh Young and others of Baltimore County dated the 23 July

That the Commissary of Stores Deliver to Colo Fad fifty Blankets, fifty pr shoes & fifty pr overalls on Acct of 6th Regiment

Commission of Lre of Marque & Reprisal issued to Josiah Dorsay Master of the Privateer Sloop called the Potomack mounting twelve Carriage Guns & eight Swivels Navigated with Thirty Men belonging to Robert Townsend Hooe & others of Charles County dated the 25 Instant.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Sam[l] Edmondson two Thousand Dollars on Acco[t] of the fifth Regiment. C. B.

C. C. Original.

[J. H. Stone to Gov. Johnson.]

Camp at Crumb Pond below Peeks Kills July 24th 1777.

Sir.

As many officers of my Regiment who have rec[d] large sums of money for recruiting &c have resigned their commissions since I left Maryland and as their accompts cannot be settled unless they attend their Regiment, and leaving them unsettled is not only putting me to great inconvenience & trouble but also attended with the worst of consequences to those Officers and Soldiers who remain in Camp as no money can be drawn as pay 'till all the accompts of the Regiments are settled & the recruiting money accounted for. many Companies in my Regiment suffer much by the absence of their officers, and the Regiment in general begins to feel the bad consequences of officers being absent & leaving Accompts unsettled, I have been obliged to draw money in the lump, and make myself liable for it to pay the Reg[t] the Congress positively refuses to let us have another penny untill we Settle our Accompts which cannot be done unless every recruiting officer attends in person. I must therefore for these & many other reasons beg you will not receive the resignation of any officer in my regiment, if you wou'd wish to promote the Service. nothing new in the Military department. the enemy seem undetermined as to their next push, it depends altogether upon their success or disappointment at the Northward nothing more than what you have heard from Tyconderoga its evacuated & thats all the intelligence we can get. I hope you will be able to furnish all our troops with blankets, its intirely unnecessary to send them forward without they can not be had here or at Philadelphia. we have many of the Maryland troops without Blankets or Tents. they must undoubtedly be lost. we are promised these necessary articles immediately. We have also suffered much for shoes, and I am afraid will suffer much more for that article this fall. we shall also be very bare of all kinds of Cloathing by the winter and unless we are furnished more than probable shall be in the same disagreeable situation we were last year. much will depend upon having an army fit for the field this fall & winter. I hope the legislature of Maryland has taken such steps as will immediately lead to the completion of the several Reg[ts] We have now in the field fit for duty only about 1100 men from Maryland, so that we make but a trifling figure with

C. C. respect to numbers when compared with other States. I have ordered up every officer belonging to my Reg^{t} I hope none of them will be detained or remain in Maryland, as soon as our Acc^{ts} are settled I shall send down the most diligent and industrious and must beg you to give them every assistance in recruiting, & am Sir

With great respect
Y^{r} Very H. Servt
J. H. Stone

C. B. Tuesday 29th July 1777.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Provisions deliver to Capt: King fifteen pounds Tallow & one Barrel of Tar for the Plater

That the Western shore Treasurer Pay to Elie Vallett forty two pounds ten shillings for Am^{t} of Acc^{t} for Damage done his house & Rent whilst Occupied by the Soldiers.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Annis Ten pounds fourteen shillings Am^{t} of Acc^{t}

That the said Treasurer pay to Cornelius Garretson five pounds, five shillings Am^{t} of Acco^{t}

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bullen one hundred & fifty pounds on Acco^{t}

Capt. David. You will immediately proceed with the Conqueror to York River in Virginia, and thence up the Creek, which leads to W^{m}burgh and call upon Messrs Norton & Beall for the residue of the Arms belonging to this State, which Mr Norton in his favor of the 25th instant informs us are lodged in Williamsburgh. There is also some Gunlocks Tin &c in the care of Messrs Norton & Beall which you will also receive & bring together with the Arms, to Annapolis

Received of Mr Robert Read thirty Musquets in Consequence of a former Agreement

That the Commissary of Stores at Annapolis deliver Sundries for the Conqueror Galley.

That the Commissary of Provisions deliver three Barrels flour five Barrels Bread & two of Pork for the above Galley.

Ordered That the Armourer Deliver to Robert Reid fifty Gun Bbles to Stock taking his Rec^{t} for the same

That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Robert Reid one hundred pounds Curr^{y} on Account.

Ordered That Capt Cooke dispatch his Tender with what Cordage Capt Belt may put on Board of her for the use of the

Johnson Galley and that she proceed to Mr Stephen Steward's Ship Yard therewith and deliver it to the orders of Capt. Belt. C. B.

Mr Hollingsworth requested to furnish Capt. Belt with Water Casks sufficient for the Johnson Galley.

[Council to Norton and Beall.] C. C. 130

In Council 29th July 1777.

Gent

We have just received Mr Norton's Favr of the 25th Inst by Capt David, who brought with him 34 Chests of Arms. The Boat is not yet arrived. We have again dispatched Capt David with Instructions to call upon you for the Residue of the Arms in Williamsburg and also the Gun Locks, Tin &ca belonging to this State, which you will please to deliver to him We are &ca

Messrs Norton & Beall.

Wednesday 30th July 1777. C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered, That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt: Levin Lawrence Twenty pounds three shillings and six pence Bale of Acct

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Ridgely forty pounds thirteen shillings & three Pence Balance of Acct & the further Sum of Fifty pounds for attendance as Cl to the Council from the 20th March to 20th June Inclusive at £200 p annum.

That the said Treasurer pay to Major Fulford one hundred and fourteen pounds eighteen shillings and two Pence Bala of his Acct Passed the Board

That the Commissary of Provisions deliver to Capt Coward 1 Barrel Pork and two Barrels Bread for the Dolphin

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas McWilliams seventy three pounds two Shillings & six pence Balance his Acct passed the Board.

Capt: Coward. You are without delay to proceed with the Dolphin to Bladensburgh and apply to Christopher Lowndes Esquire for the Cordage which he has engaged to furnish for the Johnson Galley And when you have received it you are to Carry it to the said Galley in West River and deliver it to the order of Capt: James Belt.

C. B. Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Isaac Simmons two hundred & fifty Pounds for erecting Salt Works, he having given Bond with Thos Deale Secy

That the said Treasurer pay the Clerk fifty Pounds for Expresses.

C. C.
131

In Council 30th July 1777.

Sir.

By Intelligence we have just received from one of the Delegates of this State in Congress, that a Fleet of 255 Sail of the Enemy's Ships on Saturday last, were off Egg Harbour, and other Movements, we think it necessary to request that you hold the Artillery Companies under your Command, in Readiness either for an immediate March or any other Military Duty the Exigency of Affairs may render necessary for the Security of this or any neighbouring State.

Majr Nathl Smith

We are &ca

132

[Council to Major Fulford.]

In Council 30th July 1777.

Sir.

We have just received Intelligence from one of the Delegates of this State in Congress that a Fleet of the Enemy's Ships consisting of 255 Sail were on Saturday off Egg Harbour and of other Movements, we therefore think it proper that the Matrosses under your Command should hold themselves in Readiness and we request that they may be held in Readiness either for an immediate March or such other Military Duty as the Exigency of Affairs may render necessary for the Security of this or any Neighbouring State. We have no Doubt of your Attention to this Requisition with your usual Assiduity.

We are &ca

Major Fulford

C. B.

Thursday 31st July 1777

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the Armourer deliver to Major Fulford thirty three Setts of Arms Compleat for Capt: Jarams Compy of Matrosses and twenty Guns & Bayonets in exchange for twenty not fit for Service, twelve Cartridge Boxes, sixty six knapsacks, Sixty six Canteens & Sixty six Brushes and Prickers for Capt: Browns Company.

That the Western Shore Treasurer Pay to Lt Col^{o} Woolford one hundred and thirty Pounds Curr^{y} on Acc^{t} of the second Regiment C. B.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt: Walker twelve Bolts Light Canvas, two Bolts Hessings and one piece Britanies on Acco^{t} of the Galley Baltimore

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt: Walker one hundred and fifty Pounds to be accounted for.

That the Armourer deliver to Mr Winters eleven Gun Barrels, fifty six Gun Locks & a sufficient Quantity of Powder & Ball to prove sixty one Barrels.

That Col^{o} Henry Hollingsworth deliver to Mr Winters fifty Gun Barrels.

That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Isaac Harris one hundred & fifty seven pounds two shillings & four pence Am^{t} Acc^{t} passed

That the said Treasurer Pay to Thos Snowden one hundred & twenty six pounds seven shillings & six pence & the further sum of seventy two pounds, twelve shillings & six pence Am^{t} of Acc^{ts} passed.

It is agreed with Mr Isaac Harris to allow him for Cleaning Arms & putting them in proper order at the rate of 10/ Curr^{y} ꝑ Day for each of his Workmen employed by him therein and at the rate of 12/6 Curr^{y} ꝑ Day for his own Work upon the said Arms & superintending the Workmen & Labourers, and that the said Harris may hire a Convenient Number of Labourers to assist in cleaning the said Arms, at as Moderate a price as he can procure them at, which it is agreed shall be paid by the State.

Friday 1 Augt 1777.

P^{t} as on yesterday

Ordered That, the western shore Treasurer Pay to Alexander Gordon five Pounds, eight shillings and four Pence Am^{t} of Acc^{t}

That the said Treasurer Pay to William Wilkins Three hundred pounds on Acc^{t} Fortifications at Annapolis

Saturday 2^{d} August, 1777.

Were Present

His Excellency Thomas Johnson Esqr Govern^{r} &

The Honble John Rogers, Edward Lloyd & Thos Sim Lee Esqr } Councelors

Ordered, That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Doct^{r} James Murray, Thirty pounds, five shillings Am^{t} of Acc^{t} passed.

C. C.
Original.

[Francis Lewis to the Governor and Council.]

Gent^{n}: In pursuance of advice received last night that 228 British ships were arrived at the Capes of Delaware, Capt. Nicholson of the Frigate applyed to me this morning for my opinion whether it would not be adviseable for him with 150 of his seamen armed, to proceed immediately to the Head of Elk by water and from thence to Phil^{a} if not countermanded at Elk. Thinking it would be greatly for the service of the States at this critical juncture I considered, and thereupon consulted Capt Cooke also for a reinforcement from his ship for the same service, which must be submitted to your directions. I have this day wrote to the Marine Committee to inform them of the steps already taken. I am, with great respect

Gentl^{n} Your most obed^{t} Hum^{l} Servt
Fra. Lewis.

P. S. Capt. Nicholson's party sets of this evening or tomorrow morning.

Baltimore Point 2^{d} Augt 1777
To His Excellency
Thomas Johnson Esqr in Council.

C. B.

Monday 4th Augt 1777.

Present as on Saturday.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Cooke Sundries on Acc^{t} of the Defence.

That the said Commissary deliver to Captain Richard Dorsey 676 yds Osnab^{s} 4 p^{s} Britanies & 12 yd^{s} Russia Drab for his Comp^{y} of Matrosses in Baltimore

That the said Commissary deliver to Captain Furnival 616 yd^{s} Osnabrigs, 12 yd^{s} Russia Drab 4 p^{s} Britanies and 10 Blankets to be charged to his Comp^{y} &c.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to James OHarra Thirty four pounds, eighteen shillings & nine pence Am^{t} of Acc^{t}

That the said Treasurer pay Capt: George Cooke, five hundred pounds on Acc^{t} of Ship Defence.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut William Judah Eight hundred pounds Curr^{y} on Acco^{t} of the Artillery Comp^{ys} in Baltimore

That the Commissary of Provisions deliver to William Judah twelve Barrels Beef & three Barrels Pork on Acc^{t} of the above Comp^{y}

That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Nicholas Maccubbin forty pounds Amo^{t} of Acco^{t} passed the Board of Acc^{ts}

[Council to N. Smith.] C. C. 133

In Council 4th August 1777.

Sir.

Capts Dorsey and Furnival have received Orders on the Commissary here for a sufficient Quantity of Linen &ca for the Use of their respective Companies. With Regard to Haversacks and Knapsacks, we presume they will not be immediately wanted, and therefore, at present, we do not think it necessary to give any particular Directions about them. If you should think the Stores you mention to be at Baltimore Town, can be left there with Safety, or removed to the Fort, we shall have no Objection to your removing the Guard to that Place at your Pleasure. We have given Lieut Judah an Order for £800, for the Purpose of reimbursing you the Money you have advanced in the Purchase of Beef and Bacon for the Use of the Matrosses and for the Purchase of Flower and Provisions and shall immediately send up to Baltimore twelve Barrels of Beef and three Barrels of Pork for those Troops. We are Sir &ca

Majr Nat. Smith.

Tuesday 5th August 1777. C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Luke Adams twenty one Pounds eight shillings and four pence Curry due on Acct passed by the Bd

James OHarra who inlisted in Captain Ramsays Compy of Smallwoods Battalion, having since from sickness, become Blind and incapable of Service is therefore discharged.

That James OHarra Draw Rations while he continues in Annapolis & untill further Directions.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Eastman & Neth Seventy seven pounds, twelve shillings and Six pence on Acct passed

That the said Treasurer Pay to Capt Spyker three hundred Dollars on Acct of seventh Regiment (by Genl Smallwoods Order)

That the said Treasurer pay to General Smallwood four hundred Dollars on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Gantt of Calvert County, two hundred and fifty pounds Curry for erecting Salt Works he having given Bond William Sellman Junr Secry

That the said Treasurer Pay to William Allein of same Coty two hundred & fifty pounds Curry for the above purpose he having given Bond Samuel Chew Secy

C. B. Commission of Lre of Marque issued to James Campbell Capt: of the Privateer called the Sturdy Beggar mounting fourteen Carriage Guns & fourteen Swivels, navigated by eighty Men belonging to Samuel & Robert Purviance, Lux & Bowley & others of Baltimore County.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson Clifts of Calvert County, two hundred & fifty Pounds, Curr^{y} for erecting Salt Works, he having given Bond with Francis Lauder Security

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Capt. John David four hundred & forty pounds, fourteen Shillings & Nine Pence Bal of his Acco^{t} passed.

That the said Treasurer Pay Levin Frazer fifteen pounds and three Pence for Am^{t} of his Acc^{t} passed

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Col^{o} Ford Cloathing for thirty three men & twenty five Blankets on Acc^{t} 6th Regiment.

Wednesday 6th August 1777.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered, That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Mary Prisely Eighteen Pounds Nineteen shillings & six pence Am^{t} of Acc^{t} pass'd

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Col^{o} Ford three pieces Britanies on Acco^{t} of the 6th Regiment

That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Alexander Lawson Smith four hundred Dollars for the recruiting of his Comp^{y} being one of the Company's raised in this State in the Regiment lately Commanded by Col^{o} Stevenson to be charged against the Continent on Acc^{t} of that Regiment

That the said Treasurer pay to Edward Fox twenty pounds sixteen shillings & eight pence due him for two months Salary as Clerk to the Board of Acc^{ts} ending this Day.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Maynard four Pounds Ten shillings for a Gun.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Nicholas McNemarra twenty pounds Amo^{t} of Acco^{t} passed.

Death Warrant Issued for Michael Murphy of Fred Co^{ty}

Ditto issued for John Beard of Balt^{o} County both for a Murder.

Ordered That, the Western shore Treasurer Pay to Levin Wilson seventy nine pounds four Shillings for Ninty Nine Pair of Shoes.

Thursday 7th August 1777. C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

The Council proceeded to the Choice of an Attorney General in the Room of Thomas Jenings Esquire who refused to Act & James Tilghman Esquire was elected & Commissioned.

Friday 8th August 1777

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Woolman Gibson one pound twelve shillings & six pence Amt of Acct passed.

Capt Robert Conway. You will proceed in the Molly to the Havanna but before you dispose of any part of your Cargoe you must wait upon the Governor with the Letter you receive for him and endeavor to obtain his Permission to sell your Cargoe if you obtain it and you have an Opportunity, take in a small Load of Salt we would not have you overload her and lay out the rest of your Money in 150 lbs of Spanish Flies and the rest in Peruvian Bark advise with some Body who is Skilful as to the Quality and be carefull to get what is good, we imagine the Flies will cost less than 5/ or 6/ Sterling and the Bark under 5/ Sterlg p l. perhaps much under but this is our expectation only and not a Limitation for these Articles if possible must be got if you should sell at the Havanna and cannot there procure the Flies and Bark you may perhaps be advised where you can, not very distant, which we would have you investing your Money in good Bills to save the risk if to be done.

If you are not permitted to sell we have hopes that the Governor of the Havannah will give you a Credit for 1 or 200 ls of Spanish Flies and 1000 lbs of Bark with some person who may have them for Sale if he does you'll purchase and take in these Articles, proceed to such place as you may be informed or judge best for the Sale of your Cargoe, remit Bills if possible to pay for the Bark and Flies, get if you can a Cargoe of Salt and remit the Balance if any, as we hope, to Harrison & Vanbibber. You must expend as little as possible on the Vessel whilst abroad. as you go armed you'll use your own Discretion altogether as to attacking any Enemy Vessel and if you should be so fortunate as to take a prize, send her, if the Chance is equally good for her getting into Port, to Mr Harrison at Martinique with Directions to transmit Accounts as soon as possible that the men may be paid here

C. B. when you arrive again upon the Coast, if convenient, run into one of the Inletts, Sinnepuxent we would prefer, which would be the best Port too for a Prize on all Accounts if you send any to the Continent. You will enquire in any Port you may go what may be had and what of our Produce may be disposed of there, and the Prices for the advantage of our Traders as well as the public, wishing you a Prosperous Voyage.

Ordered, That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Elisha Winters seventeen pounds eleven shillings and Ten pence Bal^e of Acc^t passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt: Thomas Coursey five hundred & eight pounds, Eleven shillings & eight pence per pay Roll exclusive of any other Accounts.

That the Commissary of Stores at Ann^s deliver Sundries to Captain Thomas Coursey. Vide Lres. to William Hayward, Levin Gale & Thos Jones Esquires Lre Book N° 1.

C. C. 134

[Council to Capt. Conway.]

In Council 8th Augt 1777.

Sir

Your Letter of the 16th of July did not get to Hand, 'til this Day Week we can conveniently enough let Mr Hooe have the two three Pounders and would, though hitherto omitted, send them round, but we suppose his Vessel is gone or that the Matter is some how adjusted without them. Advise with Mr Hooe as to the Wages you give the Lieutenants. we can expect the best only to be done and he is very able and we believe willing to assist us. We inclose you Instructions, which we have requested Mr Hooe to peruse; yet if he should be of opinion that they are improper, we would have you come to Annapolis with his Remarks on them as we may consider any proposed Alterations. The Difficulty of getting out being so great we have been the less anxious to dispatch you.

Capt Conway

We are &^ca

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[Gov. Johnson to Governor of the Havana.]

Annapolis in Maryland Augt 8th 1777.

Sir

I flatter myself the Occasion will apologize sufficiently for the Trouble I give your Excellency by this Letter. We are situated in a Country where Drugs of various Kinds

are necessary and none more so, in some Cases, than Flies, or in many, than Peruvian Bark. Since our Connection with England has ceased and our Intercourse with Europe is interrupted and almost cut off by the British Cruisers we must enquire in other Places for such essential Articles as we have not amongst ourselves. I have therefore, ignorant of what may be either suitable or admissible at the Havanna, sent Capt Conway in Hopes of getting a Quantity of Flies and Bark for the use of the Troops; but with Directions not to dispose of any Thing without your Excellency's Permission. I hope the Subjects of his most Catholic Majesty and those of the United States, may be mutually benefitted by a generous and fair Commerce and shall be happy if this Incident should lead to an Acquaintance and Confidence between those in your Department and those over whom I have the Honor to preside. If I request too much in soliciting Leave for Capt Conway to sell his Cargoe and purchase Drugs and a little Salt, I shall be exceedingly obliged by your giving him a Credit with some of your Merchants for about two thousand Pounds of Bark and one hundred Pounds of Flies, and shall be careful to cause a just Remittance to be made C. C.

I am Sir with great Truth & Respect
Y^r Exc^ys most obed^t Servt

Governor of the Havanna.

[Council to Calvert Justices.] 136

In Council 8th Augt 1777.

Gen^t

The inclosed Deposition & Letter from Col^o Gist we have just received, and, as the Violence complained of appears to be great and the Consequences may be very injurious to the Public Peace & Welfare, we have transmitted these Papers to your Worships, that the proper Steps may be taken to ascertain the Truth of the Fact and a legal mode of Proceeding had against the Persons accused. We are Gen^t &^ca

The Justices of Calvert County.

[Council to T. Jones.] 137

In Council 8th Augt 1777.

Sir.

We have resolved to appoint Mr William Hayward, Mr Levin Gale and yourself Judges of the General Court and have wrote to Mr Hayward & Mr Gale to know whether they will Act. We shall be very glad if you can make it conve-

C. C. nient to accept of the very honorable Office and request you to give us your Sentiments. If you accept, we think it necessary you should resign your Place of Register of Wills before the Commission issues We are &ca

Thomas Jones Esqr

138 [Council to Levin Gale.]

In Council Annapolis 8th Augt 1777.

Sir

The Governor & Council have resolved to appoint Mr William Hayward yourself and Mr Thomas Jones of Baltimore, Judges of the General Court We shall be very glad that you can make it convenient to act in this Department so honorable and shall be obliged by your Answer. We are &ca

Levin Gale Esqr

139 [Council to W. Hayward.]

In Council Annapolis 8th Augt 1777.

Sir

The Governor & Council have resolved to appoint you, Mr Levin Gale and Mr Thomas Jones of Baltimore, Judges of the General Court. We shall be very glad that you can make it convenient to act in that honorable Department and shall be obliged by your Answer. We are &ca

William Hayward Esqr

140 [Council to Col. Hooe.]

In Council Annapolis 8th Augt 1777.

Sir

We inclose you a Letter & Instructions to Conway and a Letter to the Governor of the Havanna; be pleased to peruse them and, if you think any material Part improper, we shall be obliged to you for your Remarks and will gladly correct any Thing amiss. We doubt whether Conway can get out; from the last we heard from Virginia, the Men of War still continue at & about the Capes. If you think it prudent to risk, advise the Captain so, if not, we do not intend his Orders for sailing as absolute. If you think the Lydia's Yawl necessary for Conway, he may take her and we'll look out for another for the Ship. You see we intend Conway to have the Management of every Thing on board. We are &ca

Colo Hooe.

Saturday Augt 9th 1777. C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered, That the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Richard Sprigg Esquire seven pounds, six shillings & eight pence due on Account passed.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Thomas Sim Lee Esqr sixty one pounds seventeen shillings & six pence for Attend^{e} on Council

Pardon issued to William Morgan of Harford County.

[Gist to Gov. Johnson.] C. C. Original.

Dear Sir

I forgot to mention in my last ꝑ Mr Gordon that I shall march 62 men to Camp in three days. None of them have Blankets nor Cloathing of any kind.

On looking over the Blankett bill, I find that no Blankets Collected in this place, can be delivered to any officer without an order from the Governor & Council

I shall Esteem it a very Singular favor if you would be kind Enough to procure me an Order for Sixty two Blankets and forward it to me by the return of Mr Gordon in much haste

Yours Respectfully
M. Gist

Bal^{t} 9 Augt 1777.

Monday August 11th 1777 C. B.

Present as on Saturday except Mr Rogers & Mr Lee

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Benjamin Parsons eighteen Pounds two Shillings due on Acc^{t} passed the B^{d}

That the said Treasurer pay to John Annis eight Pounds five shillings on Acc^{t} passed.

Capt: Conway,

Instead of going directly to the Havannah as mentioned in your Instructions of the 8th proceed to the Moale and there dispose of your Cargoe and purchase there Bark & Flies if to be had on good Termes, & Salt with outgoing to the Havannah; if you cannot sell to advantage at the Moale and are ascertained that your Cargoe is admissible at the Havannah & that you can do better there, proceed to the Havannah or if Tobacco is not admissible at the Havannah & you cannot sell at the Moale, Store your Tobacco there & go to the Havannah and take the Chance for the Governor's giving you

C. B. a Credit under the Letter to him which you'll deliver in Case only you go there. If you sell your Cargoe at the Moale, carry Bills, if to be had, to the Havannah or if you store your Cargoe contrive Matters so that there may be a Remittance to pay the Debt you contract at the Havannah

C. C. 141

[Council to S. Steward.]

In Council 11th Augt 1777.

Sir.

We owe Colo Hooe a pair of three Pound Guns; his Vessel, in which they are to be put, is to sail on Wednesday; we have sent a Waggon on purpose to you to get two of those you were speaking to us of, and, if any of them have Carriages, send two of them; we are much obliged to Colo Hooe nor would, by any Means, disappoint him. We are &ca

Mr Stephen Steward.

C. B.

Tuesday 12 August 1777

Present as on yesterday. Mr Rogers attended

Ordered, That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Edward Lloyd Esqr two hundred and ten Pounds, seven Shillings & six Pence for attendance in Council

Wednesday 13 August 1777.

Present as on yesterday. Mr Lee attended.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Frederick Green four hundred and fifty eight Pounds four Shillings Amt of Acct passed.

That the said Treasurer Pay to George Wells one hundred & eight Pounds twelve shillings & nine Pence Amt of Acct and the further Sum of Four hundred Pounds on Acct

That the said Treasurer Pay to Joseph & Andrew two Frenchmen, fifteen Dollars for a Musquet, a broken musquet & three Cutlasses

That the said Treasurer Pay to Charles Wallace Esqr Paymr of the State Troops, twelve hundred & fifty eight pounds thirteen shillings and Eleven Pence, Balance of Acct passed by the Board of Accts

That the said Treasurer Pay to Stephen Steward One Thousand Pounds on Acct

[Council to G. Wells.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 13th Augt 1777.

Sir

We have drawn the Orders for your Account and for the Advance of £400. The Difficulty of manning the Gallies is so great, that it is highly improbable the one now on the Stocks, can be applied to the Purpose originally designed. If she could be advantageously employed to bring wood for the Soldiers we think, by fitting her merely for that Use at present we might save a good Deal to the Public and provide better for the Troops, than we shall be otherwise able to do. We shall be obliged to you to advise us whether the Galley may not be conveniently used for the Carrying Wood.

Mr George Wells, Baltimore. We are &ca

[Council to Delegates to Congress.] 143

In Council Anns 13th August 1777.

Gent

In Consequence of Messrs Smith and Chase's Letter, we send to Colonl Hollingsworth to forward immediately to you 361 pair of Shoes, 285 Overalls, 250 Jacketts and 250 Shirts, being the whole of the Shoes and Overalls and the Chief of the Jacketts and Shirts we have by us. The Jacketts & Shirts are Part of a Quantity we got from the Continental Store; the Shoes & Overalls belong to this State. Most of the Troops that went from hence were furnished with their two pair of Shoes and two pair of Overalls, before they went. We did every Thing we could to cloath them with what was necessary before they went and their Shirts, in general, were much worse than those now sent; so that some Equality will be necessary in the Distribution to prevent Discontent, perhaps it may be prudent, unless Shirts are plentier than we imagine, to order these to the Sergeants and Corporals. From your recommending to send Russia Drab Breeches we suspect that the Officer or Officers who complained of the naked Situation of the Troops, represented that we had a great Stock of Russia Drab; indeed some of the Officers wanted the Whole or a very great Part of what we had, for Breeches for the Common Men, but our Stock was barely sufficient to make Breeches for the Officers and it has been so applied. In your Disposition of these Cloaths, it will be well to order a Proportion, according to the Wants, to each Regiment, else, from what has happened here, there is too much Reason to suspect they may be kept by the Regiment to which they are sent, against that Regiment wants, whilst others are suffering. Very little more

C. C. Cloathing can be had from here. We have been obliged to compound in Money with our own Troops for some of the very Cloathing we furnished the Continental Regiments. We have ordered Mr Hollingsworth if he has any large Guns finished, to send them forward. Do have two or three of them tryed and, if they are worth sending to General Washington, send them to him, if not worth while to send them return them to us. We are Gent &ca

The Delegates attending in Congress.

144 [Council to H. Hollingsworth.]

In Council 11th Augt 1777.

Sir

By a Letter received from our Delegates attending in Congress, our Troops in the Continental Service are in great Want of Cloathing, especially Shoes and Breeches; we therefore send up what Shoes & Overalls we have and some Jacketts and Shirts which we request you to send forward immediately to be delivered into the Hands of our Delegates at Philada We shall be greatly obliged by your particular Care to push them forward as quickly as possible. Any of the large Guns you may have finished we would have you send forward with the Cloathing. If you could lighten your Musquet Barrels a little towards the muzzle, they would be very good. Winters speaks well of those he last stocked.

Colo Henry Hollingsworth Head of Elk. We are &ca

C. B. Thursday 14th August 1777.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Colo John Weems Thirteen Pounds, five shillings due for Arms had in the flying Camp Acct passed

That the said Treasurer Pay to Edward Lloyd Esqr one hundred and fifty five Pounds, eight shillings & eleven Pence due on Acct passed

Thomas Dawson is appointed to take charge of the Magazine in Talbot County and it is Ordered that the said Magazine be hereafter guarded by a Sergeant and four Men til further Order.

Friday 15th August 1777. C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to William Hayes, fifty seven pounds, six shillings and seven Pence on Acct passed the Bd

That the said Treasurer Pay to Thomas Walker Ninty Pounds due him as Capt: of the Galley Baltimore from 25 Decr to 25 May pr Acct passed.

It appearing that Basil Shaw who was inlisted into Colo Prices Regiment by Thomas Beall, is incapable of Service and was so at the Time of his inlistment he is discharged.

Vide Deposition & Papers relating to the above B. Shaw.

Saturday 16th August 1777.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thos Walker one Thousand Pounds to be delivered over to Jesse Hollingsworth on Acct & charged to him.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Alexander Gordon Nine Pounds, three shillings & four Pence Amt of Acct passed

That the said Treasurer Pay to Patrick OBryon fifteen Pounds Amot of Accot passed.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Benjamin Galloway five hundred Pounds to be delivered over to Messrs Beatty, Hanson and Johnson Superintendants of the Gunlock Manufactory on Acct

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Benjamin Galloway Sixty three Pounds to be delivered over to Mr Thomas Beatty the Consideration Money agreed on for the Purchase of five Acres and a Quarter of an Acre of Land on which to build a Magazine.

Pardon issued to Abraham Berth and sentenced to be burnt in the Hand

[Council to S. Dorsey.] C. C. 145

In Council 16th Augt 1777.

Sir

We are and have for some Time past, been in great Want of the Guns you contracted to make for the Public. Those that have been proved, you'll deliver to Capt Walker; if more are ready for proving, let Majr Smith know the Number, and he will send some Body to prove them. We hope those at least which were cast and not bored when the others were proved, are now finished We are &ca

Mr Saml Dorsey.

C. C.
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[Council to J. Hanson.]

In Council 16th Augt 1777.

Sir

We inclose you a Copy of a Resolution of Congress and a List of the Carolina Prisoners in Frederick Town, as given in to the Governor when he was last up there. We are willing to enlarge the Limits of these Prisoners to three Miles from Frederick Town, a Distance we think fully sufficient for agreeable Exercise or to afford an Opportunity of making the Continental Allowance go the farthest for their comfortable Support; but, as the Paroll signed by some of them is not so definite and precise as all Parolls ought to be, we think it is proper that each should sign a Paroll, agreeing with this Enlargement, give up the old Counterparts and take Copies of the new.

We are &ca

John Hanson Esqr

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[Council to Capt. Cooke.]

17th Augt 1777.

Capt. George Cooke

The Intelligence received this Morning from Timson, makes it necessary that we instantly prepare in the best manner we can, for Defence or to enable us to assist our Friends. If the Enemy should design to send any considerable Force up the Bay, there will, as it appears to me, be no Place of Security for your Ship, but at Baltimore where too, she may eventually assist in the Defence of that Town. The Gallies at Baltimore we wish to be made as serviceable as may be. You are therefore to run the Defence within the Boom at Balt, put what of your Men you can in the Gallies. Shew this Instruction to the Officers on board them, which they are to consider, as a particular Order to them to come down with their Gallies. You are to furnish what Guns or other Necessaries you can from the Defence, to the Gallies and Majr Smith is also requested to give them what Assistance he can, you will also come down in one of the Gallies yourself

We are &ca

Capt George Cooke

C. B.

Monday 18th August 1777

Present as on Saturday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to John Green twenty five pounds, five shillings & six Pence Amot of Acct passed

James M^c^fadon appointed and Commissioned second Lieutenant and Jacob Mitinger third Lieu^t^ in Capt Campbells Company of Matrosses they having served from the 4th Inst. C. B.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to William Wilkins eleven pounds Am^t^ of Account passed.

Ordered That fifty bushels of Salt be delivered to Aquila Paca to be delivered to John Paca and by him delivered out to the Inhabitants of Harford County in small Quantities and sold at such prices as to remit into the Treasury one hundred Pounds

[Council to T. Coursey.] C. C. 148

In Council Annapolis 18th Augt 1777.

Sir.

Having received Intelligence that a Fleet of the Enemy's Ships appeared on Thursday last off our Capes and that some of them had come within. We think it necessary that the Chester Galley should be brought to Annapolis, and therefore request that you proceed with her to this Place with all Speed.

Capt Thos Coursey Comm^r^ of the Chester Galley. } We are &^ca^

Tuesday 19th August 1777 C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Commissions Issued to Edward Noel Junr appointed Captain John Chalmers first Lieut. Thomas Woolford second Lieut. and Thomas Smith jun^r^ Ensign of a Company of Militia embodied in Dorchester County under the Resolution of Congress to serve under Col. Richardson.

Col. Robert Harrison will please deliver Capt Noel for the use of his Company twenty four of the State Musquets delivered you by Col Richardson and the rest of them please to send over to us by the first good opportunity that we may have them put in order.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Col Henry Hollingsworth four hundred pounds on Account

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Beriah Maybury fifty six pounds ten shillings and nine pence Bal. of Acco^t^ and the further Sum of fifty seven pounds one shilling Am^t^ of Acc^ts^ passed the Board

That the said Treasurer Pay to the said Capt Beriah Maybury fifty pounds on Account.

C. C. 149

[Council to Capt. E. Noel.]

In Council Ann^{s} 19th Augt 1777.

Sir

We have issued the Commissions for the Officers of your Company small as it is, under the Hopes Mr Chalmers has given us that, as soon as it is seen you are to join Col^{o} Richardson, a good many others will enroll and have sent them by Mr Chalmers. We would have what Men have already enrolled, join Col^{o} Richardson under two Officers as soon as may be & the Officers left to be assiduous to increase the Company. We are &^{ca}

Capt Edward Noel Junr }
Dorchester County }

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[Council to Lieutenants.]

In Council Annapolis 18th Augt 1777.

Circular.

Sir.

Yesterd Morning one Capt Thomas Timson came up from Virginia and informed that on Thursday Evening last he saw a Fleet of the Enemy's Ships coming within the Capes. That he distinctly saw Sixty Sail, some of them two or three Miles within and a number following, which, because of the Distance and the Night coming on, he could not see distinctly. We have an Express to Day from Virginia confirming the Information. Whether they have Land Troops on Board or what is their Destination or Design, we are not informed, but we think it adviseable that you give Orders to the Militia under your Command to prepare themselves, as well as they can, for Service, and hold themselves in readiness to march instantly on further Orders. We are &^{ca}

To the Lieut^{s} of the }
different Counties }

Original.

[W. Paca to Gov. Johnson.]

Dr Sir.

I enclose you Genl Washington's letter and doubt not you will make a proper Enquiry into the Arrest he complains of I wish the Artillery Corp & the 16 Reg^{t} had been apportioned on the States that such States might have known what were its Quota and the frequent Difficulties in filling up those Corps prevented.

We have no Intelligence of Howe's Fleet: The Army we know for a Certainty is embarked. We begin to be apprehensive they have gone to South Carolina. C. C.

The Militia of Tryon County have had a very smart Engagement with Johnson & his Indians & a Body of British Troops it is said the Militia consisted of 700 We lost about 100 men some of which are the most active leading Whigs in that County The Enemy were defeated & lost fifty or sixty Indians and some of their best Officers There was another Brush by a Party under Capt Willet who drove another Party of the Enemy and took a considerable Booty. Genl Schuyler writes that the Van of Burgoyne's Army he is informed has moved forward to Saratoga: I wish our Affairs in that Quarter bore a more pleasing Aspect: The New England States disgusted with Schuyler & his officers have been very slow in giving him Assistance Gates perhaps will please them & get them to exert themselves.

S. C. says he has wrote you fully and therefore I only need not be more particular in my Intelligence. Pray what success have we with our Salt Works?

Wishing you every success and Happiness

I am dear Sir
Mt Aff^ly^
W Paca

Phila: 19. Aug. 1777

Wednesday 20th Augt 1777. C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the Armourer furnish the Officers of the two Companies of Militia in Annapolis with a sufficient number of Arm's for their Companies taking their Receipts.

Ordered That the Treasurer of the western shore pay to Henry Luke five pounds eighteen shillings and four pence on Account of a Guard under his Command stationed at Hoopers Streights Am^t^ of Acc^t^ pass^d^

Repeated Accounts of the Enemies Approach induces the Governor and Council to order that the Women Children Servants and Slaves leave the Town immediately. That such persons who have not signed the Association nor enrolled and do not instantly take up Arms depart the Town and be not seen within Ten Miles thereof after the end of five Hours. And those who have associated and are within the Ages of Persons compellable to bear Arms immediately take Arms & if they have not of their own those of the public shall be delivered to them.

That County Lieutenant Brice appoint a Guard to take into Custody the Prisoners who have been in the Keeping of the

C. B. Artilery Companies who shall safely convey & keep them at Queen Anne in Prince Georges County or the Head of South River till further order, the Guard not to consist of more than five persons

It is intended that Servants and Slaves under the immediate directions of their Masters be permitted to stay as long as their Masters in Assisting to remove their Effects

Mr Robert Smith not having signed the Association was informed of the general order of the Governor and Council of this Day but he being in a weak and sick State he was excused from departing the City of Annapolis on his Parol which he willingly gives and hereby promises on his word of Honour that in Case he falls into the Enemies Hands he will use the utmost of his Endeavours to return and surrender himself up to the Governor and Council and in all Events that he will not convey any Intelligence in any way or Manner to the Enemy. In Witness whereof he has hereto set his Hand this 20th Day of August 1777.

Witness Wm Hyde. Robert Smith

Thursday 21 August 1777.

P. as on yesty

The British Fleet having this morning passed Annapolis and consisting of upwards of two hundred and Sixty Sail as said to have been counted by some and as estimated generally. The Governor proposed to the Council as a Question for their opinion whether the small number of Militia already in Town should be kept others called in and preparation made with a view to defend this place or the Town and Forts evacuated and the Guns and Stores endeavoured to be removed and secured. The Governor and Council were unanimously of opinion that Annapolis cannot be defended by any force which may probably be collected against the force the Enemy may at any Time bring against it and that therefore the Town and Forts ought to be evacuated and the Guns and Stores removed and Secured. Major Fulford was consulted on this Question whilst the same was under Consideration and was of the same opinion as the Governor and Council

C. C. Original.

[N. Smith to Gov. Johnson.]

Baltimore the 22d August 1777.

Sir

I recd your three different letters by Express the Fleet Appeard off the mouth of this River before the last came to

hand, cant yet tell what their intentions is the headmost C. C.
Ship, which from her Carrying a Flagg at her maintopmast head, Suppose to be the Admiral has come too in the mouth of the Channel comming to this place a few minutes ago, the wind now at S. W. a Small Breese dont imagine they will be up this night. General Buchanan is doing all he can to git the Militia togeather hope they will turn out well. Capt Nicholson is down here with all his men which has nearly man'd Our Lower Battery. I am not so well prepared as I coud wish but shant give up the Fort, without giving them some trouble

I am Sir
Your Mo Obliged Hble Servt
Nathl Smith

P. S. Since wrighting the Above observe the whole Fleet is Comming too off the mouth of the River

Yours &c. N Smith.

[N. Smith to Gov. Johnson.] Original.

Fort at Whetstone Augt 23d 1777.

Sir.

The last of the enemies Ships weighed Anchor yesterday morning at half after eight oClock & stood up the Bay, and informed this day by two Gentlemen, from the head of the Bay that they have bonded up 200 men on Prefuse Island, supos'd for Stock. Mr Garthes of this place cros'd Susquehannah at 5 °Clock last evening, says one Devission of the Fleet were standing for the Head Elk the other for Susquehannah or Charles Town. its probable after landing their men, they may Attempt our Fort, if it should be the Case will give them as warm a Reception as in my power. have been informed that its the General oppinion of the pepole at Annapolis that they cant hold that place against so large a Fleet as is above us. if thats the case, woud it not be best to try to save this, by sending some of the 18lb guns by land here, we have much the Advantage as nothing Larger than a Frigate can get up, if the Galleys had their guns they woud in my Oppinion be able to prevent the enemie landing in the Ferry Branch above us & wou'd be in a very safe place as the Water is very Shoale. Up towards Elk Ridge & the Channel Crooked. Youl see by my last Return I am very week as to guns having only 6 18 pounders. think if the Gallies had their Guns & I had Ten 18 pounders more with the Assistance of the Frigate & Defence we cou'd prevent them from taking

C. C. this place by water. the men under my Command are all in high Spirits. Shou'd be glad to have your Oppinion & Instructions by Return of Express.

I am Sir
Your M° obliged Hble Servt
Nathl Smith.

151 [Gov. Johnson to I. Craycraft.]

Annapolis Augt 23d 1777.

I have directed Ignatius Craycraft of St Mary's County to purchase a Number of Black Cattle for the Public Use, they will be wanted for the Support of the Militia who is to march. Our Treasury now being removed I cannot supply him with Cash, but what he purchases shall be honestly paid for.

Mr Ignatius Craycraft.

You are to purchase what Beef Cattle you can in St Marys County and on the Way for the Use of the Militia which is embodying to reinforce General Washington. As you purchase on the Water Side, have them drove into the Country, and when you get a good clever Drove, send them along the Elk Ridge Landing, so that you may avoid the Rivers. You will hire careful Drivers who will not hurry the Cattle, keep an exact Account of the Cost and all Expences & advise me from Time to Time of your Success, that I may as soon as our Treasury is opened, send you Money and may know how far I can depend on these Cattle as Provision you cannot get too many at moderate Prices.

Mr Ignatius Craycraft

Original. [B. Rumsey to Gov. Johnson.]

Sir

The Col° of the Eighth Battalion without waiting for your Excellency's Orders upon the Enemy's appearing off the Mouth of Gunpowder ordered down two Companies to prevent the Enemy's landing and plundering the Country One of the Companies attended yesterday Evening but had not above five Guns among forty men they had scarcely arrived before they and the whole of the Battalion were ordered up by the Lieutenant of the County to Swan Creek to oppose the Enemy who have landed there

Your Excellency will no Doubt conclude that Men unarmed can be of no Service to repel an Enemy they may assist the Inhabitants in removing their Stock & portable Effects and they march with great Alacrity without Arms in full Confidence you will supply them at least to do all they can.

We hope your Excellency can immediately furnish the Militia with Arms and will acquaint us by the Return of the Express when we may expect them. C. C.

A little Fort is throwing up at this Place and We have got four four pounders and We hope to be able for a Tender if She comes but we have got but 13 Musketts if your Excellency can spare a few for this Place it will contribute more to our Safety We could arm 20 men more

Necessity and actual Invasion has compelled us to take up Arms without immediate Orders from Government but as it has the best of motives for its Excuse I hope it will meet with your Excellency's Approbation I am

24 Augt 1777 your Excellencys most humble Servt
Joppa Benjamin Rumsey

Monday 25 August 1777. C. B.

P^{t} as on Thursday

Commissions issued James Walker appointed Captain Horatio Johnson first Lieut^{t} Saml Norwood second Lieut^{t} and Elie Brown Ensign of a Company in the Twenty second Battalion of Militia in Ann Arundel County.

Commission issued to Benjamin Hood appointed Ensign in Capt. Ellicots Comp^{y} of Militia in Ann Arundel County.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Campbell Eight pounds one Shilling and eight pence and thirty pounds, eight shillings and six pence Amount of Accounts passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Elizabeth Maw seven pounds ten Shillings Amo^{t} of Account passed. That the said Treasurer pay to William Wilkins Three hundred pounds on Acc^{t} of Fortifications at Annapolis

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Callahan one hundred and seventy three pounds six Shillings Amount of Acc^{t}

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. William Campbell Two hundred pounds on Account

Permit granted to Roger Foxwell to go to Choptank on the Eastern shore

Adjourned to Baltimore.

[Council to Capt. Thomas.] C. C. 152

Annapolis 25th Augt 1777.

Sir.

I am of Opinion you may be personally serviceable on the Eastern Shore. I would therefore have you proceed and have

C. C. an Interview with Col° Richardson as soon as you can. You can fully explain to him the Circumstances we are in on the Western Shore and the Views we entertain. You may assure the Gentlemen and People in General that we are persuaded, if our Countrymen will but turn out, we shall soon get rid of our Enemies, and that every Nerve will be exerted to support General Washington with a good Body of Western Shore Militia, some of whom, I expect, are on their March and many preparing. I am &ca

Capt Thomas.

Original.

[W. Paca to Gov. Johnson.]

Dr Sir

I came here last friday Evening to take up my family to Philadelphia Since my arrival the Enemy have reached as far as Cecil Court House, and began yesterday about four o'Clock to land in that neighborhood Apprehending that I cannot with safety venture to Philada I am determined to remain in this Quarter and share the Fate of my Country This Letter we hope will get to your Hands. The several Lieutenants of the Counties are exerting themselves and the People I am told are willing to turn out and are equipping themselves as well as possible. In this county we meet with a difficulty which obliges us to send an Express to you requesting your immediate Consideration of it: not an officer is appointed to command the militia: what is to be done? I know of no other method but your enclosing a number of blank Commissions to the Lieutenant of the County leaving it in his Discretion to fill them up I shall be on the Spot and will assist him in it I suppose other Counties may be in the like situation Pray either adopt this Plan or think of some other mode by which the difficulty may be avoided

As to money we must have it as soon as possible or we must take measures for supplies such as necessity will warrant.

I need not mention our want of Arms & Ammunition: I know you can't assist us but if you can send us a thousand or two of flints we will make what shift we can with our old muskets.

I wish we could establish a Communication: let me know your Sentiments as to the Plan. I intend to write circular Letters to the several Counties requesting a meeting of the principal Gentlemen at Talbot Court House to consult on proper measures of Defence. I shall write to Mr Goldsborough & Tilghman particularly. The Lieuts of the several Counties are so engaged in classing the Militia we have not yet been able to establish a regular Line of Correspondence or to fix on any Place for Head Quarters.

This shore abounds in such a number of Rivers that the Enemy cannot march thro' it in a Line with the Bay and dare to venture thro' it by heading the Rivers: the Ferries & Passages may be easily guarded: I think the Head of Sassafras which is a lofty Part of the Country will be a good Place for Head Quarters. C. C.

I wish we had Col. Richardson with us with his Regulars they would give Spirit to the Militia.

We have three Pieces of Cannon here which carry a Ball of 3lb 10oz with about 100 Ball they belong to a Vessel we shall fix them immediately on Carriages & make field Pieces of them. We have 15 Casks of Powder here containing each about 50lb I submit whether an officer of the Train with a few men even half a Dozen to instruct us would not be adviseable

Doctor Bordley who is Lieut of the County represents to me that the People were willing to exert themselves and from the Accounts I have from Queen Ann's County they too are equally inclined to defend their Country.

What I can do on the occasion you may be assured shall be done I am determined on it and if in the Heat of Zeal I may advise any Extremity out of the strait Line of the Law or our Constitution I hope I shall be excused: as to Extremities from necessity they will need no Apology or Justification. My Plan is to have a respectable Body of Militia arm'd and assembled immediately and I hope no scoundrel of Tory or Traitor will be able to shew his Head or give any Discouragement to our Exertions.

What Assistance you can give us I am sure you will give: My love to all friends.

Yrs Affly
W Paca

Sunday 25 Aug. 1777.

Tuesday 26 August 1777. C. B.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Robert Collect Thirteen Pounds Amount of Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Charles Wallace Howard one hundred Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Wilson Eighty pounds on Acct

Commissions issued to Jeremiah Jordon appointed Col. John Reeder Lieut Col. John Allen Thomas Major, Charles Jordan Capt John Eden 1st Lt Samuel Maddox second Lieut Meveral Lock Ensign Gerard Bond Capt John Shanks first Lieut. Clement Gardner second Lt Stephen Tarlton Ensign,

C. B. John Thomas Capt Francis Millard 1st Lieut William Thomas second Lieut Clement Power Ensign, Thomas Attaway Reeder Capt John Breem first Lieut. John Cartwright second Lieut Zachariah Hammett Ensign, John Mills Capt Thomas Nicholls first Lt William Walton second Lieut Henry Swann Ensign, James Roach Capt James Raper first Lieu^{t} William Raper second Lieut. Joseph Woodward Ensign, Edmund Plowden Capt William Spink first Lieut Joseph Stone second Lieut. Wilfred Reswick Ensign William Kilgour Capt John Edwards first Lieut. Benjamin Edwards second Lieut John Johnson Sothern Ensign, William Bond Capt Edward Mattingly 1st Lt Jonathan Edwards second Lieut. and William Cartwright Ensign belonging to the Upper Batt in Saint Marys County.

Ignatius Fenwick Col. Vernon Hebb Lieut Col. Ignatius Taylor Major John Armstrong Capt. Alexander Watts first Lieut Ignatius Combs sec^{d} Lieut. George Howel Leigh Ensign, John Horn Abell Capt Robert Armstrong first Lieut. William Bennett second Lieut. Benj^{a} Williams Ens^{n} John Smith Capt Zachariah Forrest first Lieut Zephaniah Forrest 2^{d} Lt John Smith Ensign, Ignatius Abell Capt Enock Abell first Lieutenant Barton Abell second Lieut. John Mills Ensign, John Greenwell Capt Philip Fenwick first Lieut. Bennett Combs second Lieut James Williams Ensign, John Mackall Capt Thomas Jenkins first Lieut Benjamin Morgan second Lieut Philip Evans Ensign, Saml Jenifer Capt John Abell first Lieut Richard King second Lieut George Asquith Ensign Hugh Hopewell Capt John Asquith first Lieut John Chesley second Lieut. Robert Jarboe Ensign, William Barton Smoot Capt George Gaither first Lieut Joseph Langley second Lt Joshua Tarlton Ensign, belonging to the Lower Batt of Militia in Saint Mary's County.

Thursday 28 August 1777 Baltimore

It appearing to this Board improper that the Prisoners at and in the Neighbourhood of Frederick Town should continue there, It is ordered that all the prisoners at and in the Neighbourhood of Frederick Town except those who are in close prison be immediately removed to Sharpsburgh in Washington County and be confined to the Limits of that Town till further order That Lieutenant Charles Beatty be requested to see that this order is executed so far as the removal of the Prisoners and that Lieutenant Daniel Hughs be requested to provide for their subsistance and appoint a proper Guard in that Town.

Some of the Militia who have Arms that might in the present

Exigency be serviceable not having brought them in from an Apprehension as it is said that the Public would not be obliged in case of their Loss to pay the value of them, this Board considering the Justice of making good the Loss that may happen to Individuals in the public Service desire that the Lieutenants and other Officers of the Militia make known to the Militia in general and others that in Case any person carries his Arms into the Service or lends them to any of the Militia who marches, the public will pay the Value of such Arms to be ascertained by the Capt. of the Company in which the same shall be carried in Case of Loss. C. B.

Ordered That Ingleheart Yeiser deliver the Beef rations to the Marching Militia at one Shilling ꝑ lb. and Charles Gartzs Commissary deliver the Salt rations, bread & Salt to the same Militia.

Commissions Issued to Charles Hammond son Jn° appd Capt Basil Burgess first Lieut. John Ray Ensign in Capt John Burgesse's Compy Nicholas Ridgely second Lieut. George Geoghan Ensign to Capt Richd Stringers Comy Henry Griffith first Lieut Henry Ayton second Lieut in Capt Benjamin Warfield's Compy Nicholas Watkins first Lieut James Haward second Lieut. Basil Israel Ensign in Capt John Dorseys Compy and Charles Fox second Lieut in Capt Ellicotts Compy of Militia belonging to the Twenty second Battalion in Ann Arundel County.

[Council to Major Johnson.] C. C. 153

In Council Baltimore Town 28th Augt 1777.

Sir.

We Judge it proper that you strengthen your Guard over the Public Magazine to twenty eight Men including Officers and to desire you to be very vigilant and attentive. We would also have Mr Faw finish the new Magazine with all Expedition, and request that you will get some good Casks fit to remove Powder in Case it should be wanted.

To Majr Benja Johnson We are &ca

Friday 29th August 1777 C. B.

Ordered that Maj. Nat. Smith deliver to John Wayne four Barls. Musquet powder and one thousand pound of Lead for the Harford County Militia.

That the Commissary of Stores at Baltimore deliver to John Wayne two thousand Gun flints for the above Militia

Isaac Griest is appointed Quarter Master of the Militia

C. B. ordered to march to the Head of the Bay and into actual Service

Ordered That the Western shore Treasurer pay to Col° John Murdock one hundred and twenty five pounds for the use of his Batt to be accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to Charles Gartz five hundred pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Isaac Griest one thousand pounds on Account.

Commissions Issued to William Hudson appointed Captain Philip Rister first Lieut, James Griffith second Lieut Alexander Davis Ensign, Mordecai Gosnell Capt Richard Davis first Lieut Edward Parish second Lieut, John Dornbough Ensign, Thomas Owings Capt David Sutherland first Lieut, William Murphy second Lieut, Joshua Hurd Ensign, Joshua Owings first Lieutenant William Gardner second Lieut, Thomas Stinchcomb Ensign in Capt Nath Stinchcombs Com^p and William Kelly Ensign in Capt Christopher Owings's Comp^y belonging to the Soldiers Delight Batt. in Baltimore County also to

Nicholas Kelly Ensign in Capt I. Cockey Owings Comp^y of the Gunpowder Battalion in Baltimore County, also to

Brittingham Dickinson Capt Robert Moore first Lieut, Caleb Shields second lieut, John Cannon Ensign, Elam Bailey Capt Walter Smith Parker first Lieut, Joshua Cary second Lieutenant and Samuel Wright Waters Ensign in the Baltimore Town Batt of Militia in Baltimore County—and also to Walter Queen Adjutant, William Bailey Capt Hezekiah Magruder first Lieut, Stophel Keser second Lieut, and Josiah Magruder Ensign of a Comp^y in the 29th Battalion in Frederick County.

C. C.
Original.

[A. Hall to Gov. Johnson.]

S^r

Maj^r Thomas Jones has Just now been at my house on his way to Susquehannah and I have gott Mr Vanhorn to ride out to look for Proper Persons to be stationed at Harford Town & Susquehannah Ferry to convey Intelligence. I have likewise to Inform you that Doct^r Henry Stephenson & some others have been secretted at Isaac Websters house these several days untill last night and Stephenson has made his escape from his Plantation on board the fleet some of my men pursued him very Close but could not gett him they gott his horse bridle and Saddle I have ordered Isaac Webster to be taken into Custody, he is always goeing through the People and seeing and getting all the Intelligence he can and then up home to the torys, he is now gone up to head Quarters to spy there

and I have sent up to have him Apprehended should be glad C. C.
to have your opinion of the matter

I am Dr Sr Yr Humb. Servt

Augt 29th 1777 Aquila Hall

P. S. I have gott a little better than I was and on this day Informed that a scheme is laid to catch me and destroy my property and am not able to prevent it. As Provision is very high I know not how to Act but have given several persons orders to Supply, but beef, best 12s at some places if you would Appoint some person as Commissary or give me orders to Appoint and let me know how they must act and likewise Supply money I want to know What every person is or allowed of provision &c. H.

[Jesse Hollingsworth to Gov. Johnson.] Original.

August 29th 4 P. M.

Sir

I take this Opportunity to acquaint you that I am now 4 miles North of the Enemy's Camp on the high lands above the Head of Elk. They took possession of Grays Hill 2 miles East of the Head of Elk, yesterday, and have not advanced to day. Their Drums beat & a Gun was fired at Elk Point House before Day, so that I suppose their second Division to have started then from Elk ferry. Little more has happend this day. My Brother Hy had a small Skirmish at Gilpins Bridge yesterday & was slightly wounded in the Cheek

The van of our Army are at Cooch's Mill part of the main Body on the High lands between Newport & Christeen, the Rest at Wilmington. We have several Deserters, & near 100 Prisoners taken by our light Horse in Scouting Parties

These are the most material Particulars I could collect from good Authority, just meeting with some of the Independent Compy returning, I refer you for particulars to them.

I am Sir

Your most obedt Servt

Jesse Hollingsworth

Saturday 30 August 1777 C. B.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Inglehart Yeiser four hundred and seventy five pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Charles Wallace Paymaster one thousand pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Bishop Ten pounds ten shillings by order and for the use of Wm Worthington Amt of Acct

C. B. Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Col Thomas Dorsey Three hundred pounds on Account.

Commissions issued to Thomas Marshall appointed Capt. Philip Stilts first Lieut William Davis second Lieut. William Matthews Ensign, Nicholas Merryman Capt Humphry Chilcott first Lieutenant Abraham Cole Senr second Lieut Robinson Jones Ensign.

David Gist second Lieut. Henry Butler Ensign of Capt Murrays Compy Robert Cummins Capt Abraham Hicks first Lieut John Miller second Lieut. Samuel Tipton Ensign, Stophel Shroad first Lieutenant Matthias Backley second Lieut & Henry Peckly Ensign of Capt John Showers's Compy and Charles Allen Ensign of Capt Robt Lemmon's Compy belonging to the Upper Batt. of Militia in Baltimore County, also to

Darby Lux Col. James Gittings Lieut Col. Thomas Sollars Majr Simon Pryor Capt Thomas Miles first Lieut. Kinsey Griffis second Lieut John Griffis Ensign, Benjamin Buck Capt Joshua Buck first Lieut John Weston second Lieut of the Gunpowder Batt. in Balto County also to John Chapman first Lieut. Joshua Chapman second Lieut Robert Teves Ensign in Capt Philips Compy of the Soldiers Delight Batt. in Baltimore County, also to James Trapnel second Lieut of Capt Step. Giles Compy Gunpower Batt. and William Harvey Capt William Scarf first Lieut. Joseph Hart second Lieut William Jeane Ensign of the Gunpowder Upper Battalion Baltimore County, also to Basil Gaither first Lieut in Capt Briscoes Compy John Harwood second Lieut. George Hanskins Ensign in Capt. Simpsons Compy John Bruce second Lieut. in Capt. Owings's Greenbury Gaither Quarter Master belonging to the Sixteenth Batt. of Militia in Montgomery County.

Zadock Purnal Col. Samuel Handy Lieut Col. John Purnal Robins Major William Purnal Capt. Littleton Robins first Lieut. Joseph Ennis second Lieut. Beletha Brittingham Ensign John Postley Capt. Isaac Evans first Lieut. Jonathan Johnson second Lieut Esaw Williams Ensign John Ratliff Capt. Saml Hopkins Round first Lieut William Stephenson second Lieutenant, Thomas Ryley Ensign Thomas Purnal Capt Nathaniel Ratliff first Lieut. James Quntan second Lieut. William Gault Ensign John Cox Capt John Tull first Lieut James Lawes second Lieut Asa Cox Ensign, John Purnal Capt. Elisha Purnal first Lieut Jesse Jones second Lieut. Benjamin Purnal Ensign Elihu Briddell Captain James Fassitt first Lieut Josiah Deal second Lieut John Brevard Ensign Matthew Purnal Capt. William White first Lieut Benjamin Mills second Lieut John Jones Ensign belonging to the Sinnapuxent Batt. in Worcester County. John Done Col. Robert Done Lieut Col. William Morris Major William Handy Capt. Patrick Glassgow first Lieut Joshua Townsend second Lieut

William Wise Ensign, William Holland Capt. Fisher Walton C. B. first Lieut. George Lafield second Lieut. Joshua Duer Ensign, James Patterson Capt William Smith first Lieut James Hinson second Lieut. Jonathan Henson Ensign, John Stewart Capt Barkely Townsend first Lieut Nixon Davis second Lieut. William Parker Ensign, Isaac Lafield Capt. Thomas Marshall first Lieu^{t} Henry Dennis second Lieut. Littleton Long Ensign John Paramor Captain Henry Ayres first Lieut John Selby second Lieut. Levin Hill Ensign, Samuel Smyley Capt. William Richardson first Lieut John Outton Sturgis second Lieut. John Ayres Ensign George Spence Capt. John Spence first Lieut Jesse Ennis second Lieut. William Bishop Ensign of the Snow Hill Batt. in Worcester County. Wiliam Hopewell Col. James Martin Lieut Col. Ebenezer Handy Major Robert Handy Capt George Parsons first Lieu^{t} James Purdue second Lieut Frederick Hill Ensign Philip Quinton Capt Bozman Schoolfield first Lieut. James Townsend second Lieut John Scott Ensign, Samuel Horsey Capt. John Sturgis first Lieut Stephen Horsey Livingston second Lieut Richard Mills Ensign John Pope Mitchell Capt. Elijah Shockley Capt. James Thompson first Lieut. John Richardson second Lieut Jonathan Catheel Ensign, Benj. Dennis Capt George Downes first Lieut. John Victor second Lieu^{t} Levin Outton Ensign Charles Bennett Capt. Roland Bevins first Lieut James Bennet second Lieutenant Joseph Richards Ensign, Isaac Houston Capt. John Davis first Lieut. George Gevans second Lieut William Dennis Ensign belonging to the Wicomico Battalion of Militia in Worcester County.

Commission issued to John Philpot appointed Ensign of Capt. Sterretts Comp^{y} in Baltimore County also to William Hammond appointed Quarter Master to Col. Thomas Dorseys Batt. in Ann Arr^{l} County.

The Militia who have been called in having generally left their Arms behind them and there not being public Arms enough to furnish the whole of the Militia who ought at this Time of Invasion to be in Service The Militia Officers are requested to borrow or purchase for the use of the public all the effective Arms they can and to forward them to such places as they may conveniently be ordered into the hands of the marching Militia and all persons who have effective Arms are desired to furnish their Arms either on Loan or Sale and they may depend on being paid the Value of their Arms lent in case of Loss Th Johnson

Commissions issued to George Day Scott app^{d} Col John Stewart Lieut Col. Esme Bayley Major of Salisbury Batt and Thomas Hayward Col. Peter Waters Lieut Col. Thomas Bruff Major of Princess Ann Battalion in Somerset County.

C. C.
Original.

[W. Paca to Gov. Johnson.]

Dr Sir

Yours by Capt Campbell was just now delivered me the Capt & his men were encamp'd upon the Heights above the Town and will march to morrow with two field Pieces for the Head of Sassafras Wednesday morning Major Smyth came here from Camp in Sussex & brought me a Letter from Col. Richardson who informs me of his getting ready with all Expedition to march for our Head Quarters The militia here will march next Tuesday. This Delay was unavoidable & not owing to any want of Zeal or Spirit. Ever since my Arrival I have seen every Exertion that could be made We have had a number constantly employ'd in making of Cartridges and have had every Tradesman at work Winters has repaired the Guns we shall be able spare Queen Ann's about 200 we have had made 500 Canteens Our Commissary is laying in Provision The Cecil Militia I hear have turn'd out to a Man except three Saml Chew Charles Gordon & Alex. Williamson; Saml Heath I hear is not taken a very spirited and active Part in our Cause. The Cecil Militia on this side of Elk I am told will be at the Head of Sassafras to morrow to collect in a Body I saw Mr Hemsley the Day before yesterday the Militia there were just officered and were closing The last of next week they will march and not possibly sooner I do not hear what they are about in Talbot I had a letter last Sunday from Mr Tilghman in Answer to mine who says he will do what he can and thinks the People will exert themselves I have had no answer to my Express to Robert Goldsborough

This morning we shall dispatch some Waggons to Talbot for Cannon Powder & I shall again write to Mr Tilghman.

Yesterday Gen Cadwalader recd orders from Genl Washington to take the Command of the Militia here Our People will most chearfully submit The Genl was with me and has accepted the appointment I shall endeavour to reconcile Richardson to it I am sure he has too great a Regard for his Country to take Exceptions to any Irregularity in this Proceeding The General set off this morning for the Head of Sassafras a few Days ago he wrote me the enclosed Letter Pray, as far as you can, give a Sanction to the Appointment; I read General Washington's Letter and it is in the most pressing Terms to take the Command of the Militia he says that Smallwood nor Gist have yet pass'd his Camp. The General's Letter is dated at Christiana Bridge 28th Aug. 12 °Clock at night the Enemy he says are about 2 miles above the Head of Elk and that we have taken between thirty and forty Prisoners. Deserters are coming over every Day. By the enclosed Letter from Carson you'll have a more particular

account this letter I got by my servant Phill whom I sent yes- C. C
terday for Chase's Horse which I left at Carson's he rode all night and gave it to me about an Hour ago.

I have been obliged to call upon the Inhabitants here for their Clock Weights and Window Weights: we wanted Lead: and as we have here every conveniency for making Cartridges and men that understand it I intend to make up all Our Powder and get all the Lead that I can: We have Tradesmen here that understand the making of every military Article and they are all at work.

There is a Brig here that belongs to Flannagan in Philad: he is preparing to sail I think it highly injurious to our Cause to have our men so foolishly thrown into the Hands of the Enemy I therefore forbid it and by the Advice of the General I shall be under the absolute necessity of taking the Sails of this Brig of a Scow and several Schooners for Tents for our Militia I shan't be under the necessity of cutting them up The General says Sails answered last winter for Tents exceedingly well and were preferable in general to regular Tents Every Body here is satisfied with the Propriety of the measure. I will however you would issue your orders for the stoppage of all Vessels for some Time. This Brig is loaded with Tobacco and would besides the Captivity of our Countrymen who are a parcel of fine Seamen be a valuable Prize in the Enemy's Hands: Whatever I do in this extreme Way is upon Consultation with Messrs Thomas Smyth and Mr Earle The General & others in this place I have also got of the Merchants fourteen Bolts of Canvass for Covering for Waggons and other Purposes.

I enclose you a List of Articles for our Medicinal Chest which send by first opportunity We want some three pound Ball for Cannon and as many Cartridge Boxes as can be spared.

The Enemy have taken above seventy slaves on our Bay side and the River Elk: Upon application by some of their Masters a Day was formally appointed for a Restoration of them When the Day came they were told they could not have them but should be paid for them on the Enemy's Return. I don't understand that any Part of their Troops is landed on this side of Elk.

By a Gentleman a Day or two ago from Elk I am told J. Hollingsworth got wounded in the Jaw by a stragling Party of the Enemy the man who fired on him he ran his sword into and made Prisoner but was soon obliged to ride off and quit him.

I shall be with Hemsley next Monday in Queen Ann's to attend a meeting but shall return here the next Day

C. C. How happy would it have been for us had our Militia Regulations been compleated before the Enemy came upon us.

If you write to S C do put in a Postscript that I have got his Horse safe from Carsons.

My Comp^lts^ to your Council: I differ with J R and think with you that the words *not less* will admit of any number *more*. I also agree with you that such a Destruction as Congress has resolv'd upon of Grain Cattel &^c^ will be a most mischievous and ruinous proceeding They are not acquainted with this Part of the Country If that measure be rigidly executed we must either submit or starve All the Stock & beyond the mouth of Sassafras has already been removed or is removing: The Enemy has got but special little of it.

Before I rec^d^ your Answer to my Letter dispairing indeed of a Communication I wrote to Congress for a Supply of money and have received 10000 Dollars: Your order to R. G. M. T. & myself or either of us I sent by Express to those Gentlemen.

I shall keep an express Boat in Bay to communicate Intelligence & our Wants. My Love to all friends

I am dear Sir
Y^r^ Most Aff. hble. Servt
Wm Paca

The stock is driving off from the Bay side. 30 Aug. 1777

ten °Clock

We are pursuing here the same Rule you have struck out that is two Companies out of every Battalion.

C. B. August 31. 1777.

It appearing to this Board that it is absolutely necessary to Issue Money from the Eastern Shore Treasury for the support of the Militia of that Shore now called into Service and such an intercourse cannot in any probability be maintained as will allow Drafts to be regularly made for the necessary Sums as they may be wanted. Therefore the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore is requested to advance and Issue such Sums of the Public Money in his hands as may from time to time be necessary for the support of the Militia of his shore in Service on the advice of the Honble Matthew Tilghman William Paca and Robert Goldsborough Esquires or any two or one of them

Th Johnson

C. C. 154 [Council to Tilghman and Goldsborough.]

Baltimore Town 31st Augt 1777.

Gen^t^

We have but two of the Row Gallies fitted. The Enemy have spare Men of War enough to block them up separately;

they may eventually, with their 120 Men, be serviceable, if C. C.
there's an Attack upon this Town, and, as it is impossible to guard our Shores and Rivers, we hope no Man can blame our Views to prevent such a Disposition of the little Force we have as would render the whole of it of no Consequence at all, which would certainly be the Case if we were to send the two Gallies from hence. We are endeavouring to send forward what of our Militia we can towards the Head of the Bay. A full Employment of the Enemy there will, in good Measure take them off our Backs every where else, but we have not nor can we get Arms we fear to furnish one third Part of those who are willing to March; the People in general shew great Spirit and Alacrity. There remain in the Hands of Mr W three or four Hundred Stand of Arms, lodged with him some Time ago to be cleaned; and in the Hands of Mr Smith about 100 Stand of Mr Winters's make. Colo Richardson has been furnished with 200 stand from Annapolis, and we hope Mr Read the Gun Smith has some Arms by him. Capt Campbell left Annapolis a few Days ago, with thirty Matrosses including Officers, with Orders to join the Eastern Shore Militia at Chester. From the latest Accounts we have, our Van possesses Iron Hill, the Enemy Gray's Hill about two Miles east from the Head of Elk. Every Day is big with great Events.

We shall send over, with Orders to lodge at Chester, Musquet Powder Lead, Cartridge Paper & Flints, the Quantity will depend on the Conveyance we may get; if a sufficient Boat can be had, we shall send a Plenty: our Stores are a good Deal dispersed by the hasty Removal of them. We are of Opinion that strictly we cannot give to others a discretionary Power to draw out the Public Money; but surely when every Thing is at Stake, the Treasurer will not be particular or ceremonious, he and we must rely on the Equity of the Legislature, however if we have a Power or may be thought to have it, the inclosed may satisfy the Treasurer. We are

Mathew Tilghman, and
Robt Goldsborough Esqrs } Gent &ca

Monday 1 September 1777 C. B.

Present the Honble. Josiah Polk, John Rogers and Ths. Sim Lee Esquires.

Commission issued to Abel Heddington appointed Quarter Master to Col. Edward Cockey's Batt. in Baltimore County.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Bailey Thirty pounds on Account of the Thirty ninth Batt. of Militia in Baltimore County.

C. B. That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. James Cox fifty pounds on Account and to be charged to the marching Regiment from Baltimore County.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Lux and Bowley one Thousand pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col. Marbury four hundred pounds on Account of his Battalion.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Lux six hundred Dollars and that he charge it to Isaac Griest Quarter Master of the Marching Militia on Account for so much Money advanced to him by Mr Lux.

Commissions Issued to Luke Marbury Col. Truman Skinner Lieut. Col. William Lyles Junr Major, Thomas Dent Capt. John Simpson first Lieut. Henry Hill junr Capt. Henry Evans second Lieut of Capt. Wheelers Company William Molton second Lieut of Capt. Hellens Compy Samuel Hawkins Bayne Capt. Richard Stonestreet second Lieut. William Wilkenson Capt. Benjamin Wales second Lieut. John Smith Brooke first Lieut John Magruder Burgess Ensign of Capt Belts Compy Robert Bowie Capt Robert Baden second Lieut. belonging to the Lower Battalion of Militia in Prince Georges County

The Schooner Boat Liberty, Thomas Place Master navigated with four men having proceeded on her Voyage before and returned back to this Port on the Arrival of the Enemy's Fleet is hereby permitted to depart this Harbour and State on her intended Voyage but she is not to cary Muskets in her.

Amos Davis is appointed assistant to the Quarter Master of the Marching Militia

C. C. 155

[Council to Col. Robosson.]

In Council 1st Septr 1777.

Sir

We are informed that several of the Militia of Capt John Hammonds who are of the first Class & to march in Capt Owens's Company, have not only refused to join the Company to march, but have entered into a Confederacy to oppose by Force any compulsory Measures which may be made use of to compel them to do their Duty. We shall reluctantly and only from Necessity exert the Authority entrusted to us to the extent of it, but shall certainly not suffer such a Conduct, if persisted in, to go unpunished. We therefore wish you to endeavour to convince these Men of their Error, and to let them know that if necessary, we shall set in Motion an ample Force to compel them to obey the Law and defend their Country; but if Persuasion has not the desired Effect, you are hereby authorized to make use of Force and for this Purpose

you are to call on any Persons you please for Assistance, or if C. C.
you think proper, acquaint us and you shall immediately have what Force you may think necessary. If in any Instance a Man who cannot, is ordered to march, let him make known his Circumstances to Col° Worthington in a peaceable Way; we wish not to inflict extream Hardships, but the Laws must not be braved. We are also informed that Richard Gray and Samuel Philips, who were not of the first Class of the Militia, not only advised, but prompted this Opposition by meeting and joining those who had assembled with their Arms. You are therefore to arrest the said Richard Gray and Samuel Philips and send them to us, that their Conduct may be duly inquired into We are &ca

Lt Col° Robosson.

[Council to R. Barnes.] 156

In Council Baltimore 1st Septr 1777.

Sir

We shall, in all Probability, have more Militia here than we can arm. We are therefore desirous, as your County is so remote and the People may be wanted at Home, that none should immediately march from thence. Possibly those who first go may want to be relieved, you will therefore get your Militia settled in the best Manner you can and have two Companies of each Battalion ready to march, in Case they should be ordered. We do not hear of any capital move yet of our Enemies; Genl Washington's Van is in their Neighbourhood, and Report makes us out full strong enough for them. We are &ca

Lt Richard Barnes
St Mary's County

[Council to Col. Ware.] 157

In Council Baltimore 1st Septr 1777.

Sir.

The Militia have come in and are marching with all the Alacrity we could expect, we shall have more than we can arm, which makes it unnecessary for any to march at present from Charles; but as the Militia who now go out may want to be relieved, we wish you to have two Companies ready agreed on for that Purpose, if they should be ordered. To do this the most effectually, we think it will be best to have the Militia classed agreeable to Law. We had no Expectation that the Congress would have appointed any Officer to com-

C. C. mand our Militia and we thought ourselves happy in requesting you to march as County Lieutenant; but the Congress having desired another Gen[t] to take the Command, we think it right to apprize you of it, to prevent any farther Disappointment or unnecessary Trouble on that Head. We have the Pleasure to inform you, all Accounts agree Gen[l] Washington's Army is strong and in good Spirits and that the Pennsylvania Militia turns out bravely. We are &[ca]

Col[o] Ware, S.

158 [Council to W. Paca.]

In Council Baltimore 1st Sept[r] 1777.

Sir.

We are a good deal uneasy at the Difficulties we are likely to be in about the Command of the Militia, not knowing, or imagining that Congress or General Washington would have done any Thing about the immediate Command of our Militia; we requested Col[o] Ware to take the Command of the Western Shore Militia and expected that Col[o] Richardson on his Removal would of Course command those of the Eastern Shore. We certainly cannot impower Gen[l] Cadwalader to command, but shall be very glad that the Matter may be settled between General Cadwalader, Col[o] Gist & Col[o] Richardson to Satisfaction. We are endeavouring to get a proper Boat in which to send you 12 Barrels Musquet Powder 2 Tons of Lead 50 Tents 20 Flints 2 Reams musquet Cartridge Paper & 200 3[lb] Shott. We have not got Camp Kettles nor so many Cartridge Boxes as will be immediately wanted here. Some of the Powder, Lead and Flints we suppose may be spared for the lower Counties which want we shall endeavour also to send you a Medicine Chest. We have stopped the Vessels here, nor shall suffer any to go out unless under very particular Circumstances 'till some Alteration in our Affairs; nor would we have those at Chester permitted to Sail, but we do not think it prudent to lay an Embargo by Proclamation, because if we do, the Assembly must be called without any Expectation of its meeting, which would but add to our present Difficulties, many of the Gentlemen of the Assembly being in the marching Militia and their leaving the Militia to attend in Assembly would likely create Discontent and Confusion. Many Things, we are apprehensive, must be done, in our unprepared State, which are not strictly justifiable and for which we must rely on the Candour & Equity of the Legislature. From the Accounts we have, Gen[l] Washington's Army is healthy and in high Spirits and well supported by the Pennsylvania Militia; the Army & Militia are both spoke of as numerous. We are &[ca]

W[m] Paca Esq[r]

[Secretary Peters to Gov. Johnson.] C. C. Original.

War Office Sepr 1st 1777

Sir

The Board have been some Time past uneasy about the large Quantity of Continental Stores in the Neighbourhood of Baltimore & at that Place. They are informed great Part of the Powder & Stores are yet to remove as there is Difficulty in obtaining Waggons & therefore they have directed me earnestly to request your Assistance in directing the Removal of the Powder & other Continental Stores to a proper Distance from Baltimore on the Way to Carlisle whither the Commissary of Military Stores at Baltimore is & has been for some time directed to send them.

I have the Honour to be
Your very obed^{t} Servt
Richard Peters Sec^{y}

Mr Peale the C^{y} of M. S. has been written to & will obey any Directions you give.

Tuesday 2^{d} September 1777. C. B.

Present as on yesterday Edward Lloyd Esquire attended.

Commissions issued to John Gray appointed Captain, William Heath first Lieut. Henry Selby second Lieut. William Hancock son of Wm Ensign of a Company in the Severn Battalion of Militia in Ann Arundel County.

Also to Benjamin Griffith first Lieut of Capt. Smiths Comp^{y} Henry McBride second Lieut. of Capt. Galbraith's Comp^{y} and Mark Alexander Ensign of Capt Richardsons Comp^{y} in the Baltimore Town Batt of Militia Balt^{o} County.

Wednesday 3^{d} September 1777.

Present as on yesterday except John Rogers Esquire

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Cooke Three hundred and fifty pounds on Account of the Ship Defence.

Doct Ephraim Howard is appointed Surgeon to Col. Thomas Dorsey's Battalion of Marching Militia and Walter Warfield is appointed Mate to Doct^{r} Ephraim Howard.

Commissions issued to Edmond Stansbury appointed first Lieut. Gittings Wilson second Lieut. and William Parish Ensign of Capt. Standifords Comp^{y} in the Gunpowder Battalion of Militia in Balt. County

C. C.
Original.

[John Gibson to Gov. Johnson.]

Board of Treasury, Philadelphia 3rd September 1777

Sir: I am directed by the Board of Treasury to forward you Eight hundred Tickets of the United States Lottery agreeable to the Resolution of Congress passed the 6th of August last, which having been publish'd in most or all of the News Papers, has undoubtedly fallen under your Excellency's observation.

The Congress have deeply at Heart the success of this Lottery, and have great reason to apprehend that it has not met with attention and Encouragement equal to its vast importance. It is not only to be considered as a fund to defray the enormous expences which the United States in the prosecution of this most just and necessary War are and must continue to be exposed; But if the scheme should be so much neglected by the Friends of our cause as to prove abortive, it will have a most unfavourable aspect upon our public affairs: in other view, if will deeply wound our Public reputation, discourage our Creditors at home and our friends abroad, and be urged by our Enemies as a proof of our weakness and of the abatement of that public Virtue and generous ardour which have hitherto distinguish'd us in the course of this conflict; and sustain'd us under Divine Providence against the Efforts of our powerful and implacable Enemies.

These Reasons the Board make no question will induce your Excellency and the Executive Power of your State to contribute your zealous endeavours to encourage and despatch the sale of these Tickets. Under your directions it is hoped that Gentlemen of activity and influence in different parts of your State will generously cooperate in this design, & by their personal exertions distribute them to adventurers who under our circumstances, with the chance of good Fortune, will have a right to be esteem'd as Patriots.

I have the Honor to be with the utmost Respect
Your Excellency's most obedt humble servant
John Gibson Audr Genl

His Excellency Thomas Johnson Esqr
Governor of the State of Maryland.

Original.
Holograph.

[Washington to Johnson.]

Wilmington, Septr 3, 1777

Sir: The late Resolution of Congress for sending Genl Smallwood and Colo. Gist from this army to arrange and command the Militia of Maryland, now called to the Feild, and the frequent applications I had, before the arrival of those Gentn at this place, to send Officers to the Eastern Shore to

take the of the Militia assembling there, give me C. C.
reason to beleive, that the regulations, in this line, are not so good as either you or I wish them to be; and that there is a want of Officers in that part of the State, or at least of a Head, to conduct matters properly, and in the best manner that circumstances will admit.

Under this persuasion, If you have not already appointed a General Officer—or have no particular Gentleman in view for the purpose, I would beg leave to mention John Cadwalader, Esqre for your consideration. This Gentleman I know to be a judicious—valuable officer, and I have often regretted that he did not hold a high command in the Army of the States. If you should entertain the same opinion of him, and there is no Objection to appointing him, I am satisfied he would render essential services at the Head of the Eastern Shore militia, if he will accept the command, which I am inclined to think would be the case.

Before Col° Gist went on this business on Monday, on account of the applications I have mentioned, and not knowing who the militia officers were on the Eastern Shore, I wrote to Mr. Cadwalader and requested his Good Offices and exertions in assembling and arranging the militia, which, I find, have been employed with great assiduity; and if arms could have been procured, that he would have collected a respectable body of men. My interfering in this matter was the result of necessity—I thought the situation of our affairs required it, and I trust I shall have your excuse upon the occasion. I would also observe, If Mr. Cadwalader is appointed, Col° Gist's services there may be dispensed with, and he may join his Regiment again.

I sincerely congratulate you on our late success at the Northward in raising the seige of Fort Schuyler, and obliging the Enemy to go off with great precipitation,—leaving their Tents, provisions & ammunition, and with the loss of several prisoners & Deserters & Four Royals.

I have the Honor to be, with great respect,
Sir
Your most Obed^t^ Servt
G° Washington.

Thursday 4 September 1777. C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Cap. William Galbraith forty pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Levin Mills five hundred pounds to be delivered over to Benjamin Mackall 4th Esqr

C. B. Lieut of Calvert County for the support of the Militia of that County to be Accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Judah one hundred pounds on Account. That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Long forty pounds on Account. That the said Treasurer pay to Jacob Brice eight hundred Dollars on Account of the third Maryland Reg^{t} by Genl Smallwood's Order.

Commissions issued to Michael Lowe appointed Captain Thomas Wilcoxen first Lieut of a Comp^{y} of Militia in Prince George's County also to Amon Riggs Capt. George Cullom first Lieut in the sixteenth Battalion of Militia in Montgomery County.

Doct^{r} Joseph Hall is appointed Surgeon to Col^{o} Murdocks Batt. of Marching Militia

Doct. Samuel Hanson is appointed Surgeon to Col Baker Johnsons Batt of Marching Militia

Commissions issued to Benjamin Franklin appointed second Lieut. Zebulon Bosley Ensign of Capt James Bosleys Comp^{y} also to Jesse Williams Ensign of Capt. Zachariah Onions Comp^{y} in the Gunpowder Battalion of Militia in Baltimore County.

Doct. William Beans is appointed a Surgeon to the Maryland Marching Militia and Doct. Joseph Diggs is appointed a Surgeon to the Maryland Marching Militia.

Commissions Issued to George Wells appointed Captain Ralph Story first Lieut. John Steel second Lieut. Joseph Byas third Lieut. of a Comp^{y} of Artilery in Baltimore County Baltimore Town Batt.

Mr Robert Long is impowered and desired to remove the Canon at Indian Landing to Elk Ridge landing and any person who can is requested to give him assistance.

Commission issued to John Hall appointed Third Lieut of Capt Richard Dorsey's Company of Matrosses in Baltimore Town.

Commissions issued to William Forepaugh appointed Ensign of Capt. William Richardsons Comp^{y} also to George Ackerman Capt Isaac Wheeler first Lieut Thomas Chadwick second Lieut in the Baltimore Town Battalion of Militia in Baltimore County

C. C. 159

[Council to S. Steward.]

In Council 4th Septr 1777.

Sir

We think, with you, it will be very right to have the Xebec & Stores covered with a small Number of Militia, 'til they can be removed a little Way into the Country and therefore desire

you will apply to Col° Weems for at least ten Men and an Officer to be so stationed that they may at any Time afford you Assistance. We believe the Xebec would be at least as unsafe in Severn or Patapsco as at your yard, therefore would wish, if she is removed at all, it may be to Patuxent and then run up where the River is quite narrow. We are afraid the Stations of the Men of War will be soon, if they are not already, in such a Situation as to prevent her stirring out at all, but if you think there's a Probability to get her clear we wish it to be attempted and leave it to you & Capt Belt. The Cannon & Stores, we wish you to remove a few Miles into the Country, and, for that Purpose, hire Carriage and Men; it will, when known, take off Part of the Motive to pay you a Visit. We approve your taking the nine Pounders, it was perfectly right If you can lodge the Stores at different Places, we think it will be best. We are Sir &ca C. C.

Mr Stephen Steward.

Friday 5th September 1777 C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Major Francis Deakin two hundred pounds for the use of the Militia now in Service from Montgomery County to be accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Francis Ware Lieut of Charles County fifty pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Jesse Hollingsworth fifteen hundred pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col Baker Johnson five hundred pounds on Account of the Frederick County Militia to be accounted for

John Hart is appointed Quarter Master to provide for the Sick of the Artilery Compys in Baltimore Town.

Commission issued to John Deaver appointed first Lieut of Capt William Galbraiths Compy of Militia in the Baltimore Town Batt also to Josiah Shaw Capt. William Holmes first Lieut Edward Harbin second Lieut Isaac Walker Ensign also to

Marsh Mareen Duvall Capt Walter Bowie first Lieut Joseph Carlton second Lieut Thomas Lyles Ensign belonging to the Twenty fifth Battalion of Mila in Prince Georges County.

[Council to Commissioners of Accounts.] C. C. 160

In Council Baltimore 5th Septr 1777.

Gent

Several People have brought in their Accounts against the Public, which we cannot pay for want of their being passed by

C. C. you. We therefore wish some two of you to remove, for a while, to some Place where the Claimants wait on you for the Examination of their Accounts. We are Gen^{t} &^{ca}

Commissioners of the Board
of Acc^{ts} Annapolis

C. B. Saturday 6. September 1777.

Commission issued to Baker Johnson appointed Col of the thirty fourth Batt. of Militia in Frederick County he having left his former Com^{o} at Home

Commission issued to Thomas Watkins appointed Captain of a Comp^{y} in the South River Batt. of Militia in Ann Arundel County

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Col. Darby Lux six hundred pounds for the use of his Batt now on Duty to be acc^{td} for

C. C. Original. [William Paca to Gov. Johnson.]

Dr Sir: I herewith send you a most incorrigible fellow, the Rev. John Patterson; he has been endeavouring to throw every Obstacle in the way to calling forth our militia, and has violated the Execution of our Laws; he is the most provoking exasperating mortal that ever existed; we have great reasons to suspect him of being concerned with one Chambers of this county who is now with the Enemy conducting them on their ravaging and plundering Parties. I hope he will be taken good care of and well guarded.

I am sorry to inform you of an Insurrection of Tories on the Borders of Queen Ann's & Caroline Counties headed by some scoundrel Methodist Preachers. A Body of eighty assembled in arms, were dispersed, three have since been apprehended. The Captain & Chief Methodist Preacher are among the Captives. Col. Richardson remains in Caroline County to suppress those that are there assembled.

Col^{o} Gist is at Camp & has the Command. Col. Richardson's Battalion is arrived; our militia are daily assembling and our force grows formidable; but I am told the Cecil County militia & Talbot & the Counties lower down are collecting in great disorder from want of Commissions. I wrote you in my last the necessity of providing Commissions.

We are raising a Company of Light Horse in Queen Ann's County where there are excellent Horses, and shall form one in a day or two and be able to equip them.

Your supply of Tents &c. were very acceptable. With the sails of Ships which necessity urged us to take, I hope we shall make out a tolerable covering for our men.

The militia assembled are composed of five companies from Kent, three from Queen Ann's, two from Caroline—the number from Cecil I do not know. I understand the Talbot & Dorset militia march next week. C. C.

We have nothing from Washington's army. Pray send commissions & write me the Intelligence.

Yr hb. Sert
W. Paca

Chester Town 6th Sept. 1777
His Exy Thos. Johnson Esq.
Gov. of Maryland

[Benjamin Rumsey to Gov. Johnson.] Original.

6 Septr. 1777

Sir: Two Deserters from the Isis came in to the Company of Militia stationed in Gunpowder Neck, under the charge of Lieutent Thomas. They are sent to your Excellency, as the Intelligence they bring is of Importance to the United States in General, and this in particular, I thought in Conjunction with the officers they ought to be conveyed to you.

They say one Half of the Fleet is to go into Delaware Bay, and the other to fall down to York River, that the Ships had no Soldiers on Board, having landed 13,000 under Genl How. That half the Fleet in Delaware was to assist the operations of the Army, and the Residue to receive them here in case of a disaster. They say the 64 Gun Ships have but 350 sailors to navigate them and 64 Marines that they design to plunder the unarmed part of our Coasts of Provision of which they are in want, that one Half of the Marines and sailors were sick, and that the negroes were received on board the merchant vessells of which there were several in the Fleet who boasted they would make their Fortunes by selling them in the West Indies, that they were kicked and cuffed on every occasion, &c.

I congratulate your Excellency on the weakness of the Enemy in this State and the little probability there is of an immediate attack within your Government, at the same Time also on the affair of Bennington the Raising the Seige of Fort Stanwix, Burgoins entrenching or perhaps retreating. I hope I shall upon some future Day have occasion to do so on their total Defeat and the firm Establishment of Liberty

I am your Excellency's most humble Servt
Benjamin Rumsey

Monday 8th September 1777. C. B.

Present Josiah Polk and John Rogers Esquires.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Resha Todd eighty two pounds ten shillings Amt of Account passed.

C. B. That the said Treasurer pay to Ignatius Craycraft six hundred and fifty pounds on Account he being employed to purchase Cattle for the Public.

That the said Treasurer pay to Cumberland Dugan six hundred Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Barney five Pounds sixteen shillings and eleven Pence Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Clement Wilson twenty seven pounds Account passed.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Lieut Col Thomas Williams one hundred and ten Pounds for the use of the two Company's of Marching Militia under his Command & to be Accounted for

C. C.
Original.

[Smallwood to Gov. Johnson.]

Mr Delhams near Swan Creek Septr 8th 1777.

Dr Sir

I have inclosed you a general Return of Men, Arms, Accoutrements and Ammunition, marched forward; except Colo Johnsons, who has gone up to Peach Bottom to see the Situation of that part of his Detatchment posted there, those he marched within two miles of this Place yesterday afternoon will move forward tomorrow early with the other part of this Division, in order to cross the Susquehannah on Wednesday. I shou'd have been glad to have had the two Field Pieces up before I crossed, but make no doubt of their being dispatched with the number of Officers & men required as also a sufficient Stock of Ammunition with all possible Expedition. Colo Cowan's Regiment being badly armed and it being urged that a Guard shou'd mount constantly on the Shores opposite to the Fleet during its Stay to prevent the Negroes and Stock being Swept away has induced me to leave them for that Purpose for I find I cannot prevail on the Inhabitants to drive their Stock off. Desertions are still frequent. and I am apprehensive will become more so upon crossing the River which is one Reason that determines me I shall render you Returns of such that an Example may be made to prevent such shameful & unmanly Practices. I am in hopes Capn Brother has informed you of what necessaries will be wanting for his men if so pray send them forward for I flatter myself they will stay with me. let me once more intreat you to forward the Artillery &c with such Detatchments as may Arrive in Baltimore as soon as they can possibly be equiped up to Johnsons Ferry in order to join me, immediately on my taking Post on the other side the Susquehannah I shall advise you to enable you to direct the Rout. You may be informed its now safe to cross at the lower Ferry but I think it wou'd be impru-

dent whilst their Fleet lies at Sassafras 'tho Passengers cross uninterrupted yet they have it in their Power in one hours Time to prevent it and wou'd make an Object of it were Troops with their Baggage to attempt crossing. excuse haste and Interruption for I find Trouble multiplying on me. I remain with sincere Regard Dr Sir Yrs &c &c. C. C.

W. Smallwood

P. S. I should be obliged if you wou'd inclose me the Regulations for Governing the Militia and let me have the Deserting Poltroons apprehended a list of shall My transactions.

Tuesday 9th September 1777. C. B.

Present as on yesterday Thomas Sim Lee Esqr attended

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Azel Warfield fifteen pounds for a Gun.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Long fifty pounds on Account.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Azel Warfield 120 yards Kendal Cotton and 100 yards Cruden for 6 Guns purchased of him

That the Armourer deliver to Azel Warfield twelve Gun Barrels and twelve Locks to be stocked taking his receipt for them.

Commission issued to Samuel Jacob appointed first Lieut of Capt Boons Company in the Severn Battalion of Militia in Ann Arundel County

Wednesday September 10th 1777.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Col. Thomas Dorsey one hundred and fifty pounds for the Militia to be accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to William Bayley Junr two hundred and thirty seven Pounds fifteen shillings and five Pence on Acct he being employed to purchase Guns per Account passed the Board

That the said Treasurer pay to William Adams seven Pounds per Account passed

That the said Treasurer pay to Francis Smith fourteen pounds eighteen Shillings and eight pence and the further Sum of forty shillings per Accounts passed the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to Alexander Burrell forty pounds fourteen shillings and four pence per Account passed.

C. B. Commissions issued to Isaac Hammond appointed Col° Charles Carnan Lieut Col. and Joseph Gist Major of the Soldiers delight Battalion of Militia in Baltimore County.

Richard Gray and Samuel Philips voluntarily took the Oath of Fidelity and Support of the State of the North Side of Severn in Arund^ll County

Ordered That Doct^r Andrew Francis Cheney who was committed by the House of Delegates to the Custody of Capt. Brown in Annapolis from whence he was lately removed to and is now Confined under a Guard at Queen Anne be kept a Prisoner until the further order of this Board at Queen Anne by Alexander Burrell and that he may, his keeper being with him ride or walk for Exercise at seasonable Hours any Distance not exceeding a Mile from Queen Ann Town.

Ordered That Jesse Gray, Hugh Dean, Hamilton Callelor and John Bennett Prisoners confined under Guard at Queen Anne or such of them whose Health will permit be removed under Guard to Frederick Town and there be kept in the Logg Jail commonly called the Tory Jail until the further Order of this Board under the Custody of such Person as shall be appointed by the Lieutenant of Frederick County.

C. C. 161

[Council to D. Hughes.]

In Council 10th Septr 1777.

Sir.

We are sorry to hear that you cannot, from the Scarcity of Guns, forward the Proportion of the Washington Militia tolerably armed; we have already assembled nearly as many as we can Arm, unless our Application to Congress for a Supply, should meet with Success, but the Event of our Request is not yet known. Wherefore we wish you to stop the March of the two Companies desired from each Battalion, for the present, and get them prepared in the best Manner you can for moving immediately on further Orders. If we get a further Supply of Arms, they will be called on, or if we get no more Arms, they will be wanted to relieve some of the Militia already on Duty. Possibly our Affairs may make it necessary to collect all the Fire Arms, we hope not, but it is best to provide in Time against the want; therefore we wish an Account of all Guns to be taken and those which want small Repairs, we request you will have repaired at the Public Expence. If the Militia should be ordered to march we wish them to carry with them, all the Arms they can, and, if the Public can provide better, their own may be carefully kept 'til they return. We shall be obliged to you to have wooden

Bottles and Camp Kettles made ready to put into the Peoples Hands. We are &ca C. C.

Dan[l] Hughes Lieu[t] of Washington County

Thursday 11th September 1777. C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Captain John Kilty one hundred and twenty two pounds eleven shillings and five pence as per Account passed the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to Andrew Buchanan one hundred and fourteen pounds seven shillings and three pence as per Acc[t] passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Bennett Matthews three hundred and sixty four pounds four shillings and three pence on Account of the Galley Independence per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Humphry Belt three pounds per Account passed. That the said Treasurer pay to Doct[r] Peter Woltz Ten pounds, eight shillings and three pence per Account passed.

Being informed by Capt. Kilty, that he has moored the Ship Lydia of this State at the Eastern branch Ferry. And as this Vessel and her Cargo (being laden with Tobacco also belonging to this State) are very valuable, and only two hands are to be left on board of her. It is thought proper that some plan should be fallen upon for her security against any attempts which may be made by the Enemy to destroy her. And therefore it is requested that Col. Robert Tyler or the Commanding Officer of the Upper Batt in Prince Georges County nominate a Guard of one Comp[y] of Men with their proper Officers most convenient in situation with Orders to hold Themselves in readiness to repair to the place where the Ship is anchored, to protect her until a larger force can be sent to their Assistance in case of any Alarm by Tenders or other Attempt of the Enemy.

Commission issued to Elisha Dorsey appointed first Lieut of Capt Christopher Owings's Company in the room of Samuel Merryman Jun[r] broke by Court Martial in the Soldiers Delight Batt. Baltimore County.

[Smallwood to Gov. Johnson.] C. C. Original.

Johnsons Ferry September 11th 1777.

D[r] Sir,

I have inclosed you a copy of a Lt[r] which I received from General Washington yesterday, which will point out the Situ-

C. C. ation and Views of each Army. I have understood the Enemy have moved since yesterday five miles from Kennets Square (their late Post) up the Brandewine, and are cutting a Road thro' the Woods to penetrate to Philadelphia, & I make no doubt but Gen[l] Washington is moving up from Shads Foard, and exerting every Effort to counteract them, from their Views, the Situation of their Army, and our Prospects; you must see how necessary it will be to enable me to Attack, and harrass their Rear, and the better to effect this, and cut of their Retreat to their Fleet, shou'd our Army check them in Front, I have wrote to Gist, Richardson, & Rumsey, to form a junction with me tomorrow at the cross Roads eight miles above Nottingham. I have now once more to entreat most earnestly that you woud send forward the field Pieces wth their proper Officers & Men with fixed Ammunition, Musket Cartridge sized from N° 16 to 21, carefully made up, & not with wet or damaged Powder) all such Arms and Troops as can possibly be got ready, together with Col° Ware or some Person of Weight to attend at Johnsons Ferry to regulate and forward their Passage, ½ cwt of Riffle Powder wth Lead sufficient will be wanted for what Rifles are here, and about 87 stand of Arms for Col° B. Johnsons Reg[t], who are good men, & ought to be Armed, rather than many who come from below with much Reluctance, Regulations for governing the Militia (w[ch] I before wrote for) and Paper for Camp & Military Orders, are much wanting, we have not Cartridges for this Body of Militia for half an hours Action, I remain with much Regard

Yrs. &c.
W Smallwood

Inclosed is a Return of Deserters specifying their names county & place of Abode. I will not presume to dictate to your Excell[y] what Steps ought to be pursued to bring such Transgressors of the Law to exemplary Punishment but if they are suffered to remain at Home the example will have a most pernicious Effect on the rest of the Militia—perhaps it wou'd be adviseable to issue your Proclamation offering a Reward to those who may apprehend them but I doubt whither such a measure will have the desired Effect if the Co[ty] Lieu[ts] were directed to select a Guard from their Militia of such Persons on whom they cou'd depend to search in & about the Places of their Residence, perhaps it wou'd be the most effectual way of getting those base Deserters when apprehended I beg they may be sent forward under a strong & trusty Guard to my Post for Tryal, their Punishment even the bringing them back will prevent others from following their Example.

You'll observe by Col° Johnson's Return what necessaries are wanting he has just received intelligence of another Detatchment of his Reg^t being on their March near this Place who will want Arms Blankets &c. A number of Blankets are also wanting among the Troops already here. C. C.

[Washington to Smallwood.] Copy.

6 Miles Stone near Wilmington 9th Septr 1777.

Sir

I received your favor of the 4th Ins^t and hope by this Time, that you have arrived at Nottingham. The Enemy advanced towards us yesterday with a seeming intention of attacking our post near New Port. We waited for them all day, but upon reconnoitring their situation in the Evening, we judged they only meant to amuse us in Front, while they marched by our right flank and gained the Heights of Brandiwine, viewing things in this light, and the consequences that wou'd necessarily follow if such an event took place, It was thought advisable that we should change our ground and gain the Heights before 'em. This we are attempting, and I doubt not shall effect. I must now request, as Gener^l Howe will strain every nerve to possess Philadelphia, and as it may be expected that this Fleet, or part of it, will arrive in Delaware River in a few days to cooperate with him, that you will move on with all possible expedition with all the Force you have or can get. I will not mark out any particular line of conduct for you to pursue but leave it with you, either to join me or to fall upon the Rear of the Enemy as shall seem most eligible from circumstances. Your exertion upon this occasion can not be too great. Much is at Stake.

I am Sir
Y^r most Obed^t Servt
Geo. Washington

Genl Smallwood

Friday 12th September 1777. C. B.

Present as on yesterday

It being represented that the Issuing Commissary cannot procure Peas, Beans, Milk, Beer or Rice for the Militia in Service and that one pound of Beef or three Quarters of a pound of Pork and one pound of Bread is not sufficient without the other part of the Continental Ration, for the comfortable Subsistence of the men and that they would be well satisfied to draw one pound and a Quarter of Beef or one pound of Pork with one pound & a Quarter of Bread in lieu of the whole Ration which is of less value than the whole Ration allowed.

C. B. This Board therefore advise the Commissary to issue accordingly and if the Congress will not agree to it, engage that this State will be accountable for the difference on having that part of the Ration which is not issued credited to this State.

Commissions issued to John Moale appointed Col, Benjamin Nicholson Lieut Col. James Cox Major of the Baltimore Town Batt. of Mil[a] Balt. County also to Samuel Brogden second Lieut, John Iiams Ensign of Cap[t] William Brogdens Comp[y] Brevets issued to Samuel Chew as first Lieut and Aaron Welsh second Lieut in Capt. Dares Comp[y] belonging to the South River Batt of Militia in Ann Arundel County.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Annis five pounds, five shillings per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Duett one hundred and five pounds for two horses purchased of him for the State.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Alexander Furnival sixty pounds for a Horse to be charged to the Continent and the further Sum of one hundred and twenty nine pounds six shillings per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Usher Roe & Co. eighty pounds ten shillings Amount of Account passed. That the said Treasurer pay to Cap[t] King sixty three pounds one shilling and three pence per Acc[t] passed.

It being apprehended that the three Negroe Men belonging to this State (two of whom are with Capt. King of the Plater and the other with Captain Coward of the Dolphin) are desirous of deserting to the British fleet, Capt King is requested to carry the said Negroe Men to Charles G. Griffith Esq[r] of Montgomery County who will be so obliging as to place them out seperately at the risk of the State to such persons as he may imagine will keep them securely and treat them well until the State may again want their Service.

M[rs] Henrietta French having been committed by a Magistrate of Baltimore County on Suspicion of her having acted inimically to the American Cause, and being brought before the Governor and Council for examination, Upon consideration It is ordered that the said M[rs] French be permitted to return to her Husband Thomas French's present dwelling plantation and that she confine herself to the said Dwelling Plantation and do not depart therefrom until further order of the Governor and Council.

Commission of Letter of Marque and Reprisal issued to John Bay now Master of the Privateer Schooner called the Enterprize mounting six Carriage Guns, four Swivels and twelve Musquets navigated with sixteen Men belong to John M[c]Clure and others of Baltimore Town.

Commissions issued to Zadock Magruder appointed Col. C. B.
Francis Deakins Lieut Col Eneas Campbell Major, Solomon Simpson Capt. William Blackmore first Lieu^{t} Michael Dowden second Lieutenant George Horskins Ensign, Richard Smith Capt. Thomas Hayes first Lieut. John Sommers second Lieut. Hezekiah Veach Ensign, William Vearse Capt. Charles Gassaway first Lieut. Benjamin Sommers second Lieut. John Watkins Ensign, John Walter Capt. George Walter first Lieut. Samuel Watson second Lieut. David Walter Ensign, Frederick Sprigg Capt. Thomas Kirk first Lieut. Charles Busy second Lieut Howard Griffith Ensign, Thomas Sprigg Capt. William Norris first Lieut. George Norris second Lieut John Harris Ensign, Archibald Allen Capt. John Cartwright first Lieut Samuel Blackmore second Lieut Thomas Chilton Ensign. John Harwood Capt. John Moxley first Lieut Eneas Campbell Junr second Lieut Carlton Belt Ensign, belonging to the Upper Battalion in Montgomery County also to Richard Brooke Col^{o} Henry Griffith Junr Lieut Col^{o} Gerrard Briscoe Major Arch^{d} Orme Capt. Alexander Claggett first Lieut Zephaniah Beall second Lieut Levin Beall Ensign, Amon Riggs Capt. George Cullom first Lieut Brock Macbee second Lieut. Nathan Linthecum Ensign, Nathaniel Pigman Captain Benjamin Gaither first Lieut. William Gaither second Lieut. John Dickerson Ens^{n} Samuel West Capt. John Ray first Lieut. Nathaniel Crawford second Lieut Henry ONeal Ensign, Robert Owen Capt. Edward Crow Junr first Lieut Nicholas Ray second Lieut, Thomas Conner Ensign, Basil Gaither Capt Greenbury Gaither first Lieut. John Suter second Lieut. Charles Bruce Ensign John Bruce Capt. Hezekiah Griffith first Lieut John Cook second Lieutenant Burgess Gaither Ensign, Roger Brooke Capt. Paul Hoy first Lieut William Robertson second Lieut. John Griffith Ensign of the Middle Battalion in Montgomery County. John Murdock Col^{o} William Deakins jun^{r} Lieut Col^{o} George Beall Major, Elias Harding Capt. Allen Bowie first Lieut James Lackland second Lieut. Samuel Swearengen Ensign, Alexander McFadon Capt John Peter first Lieut. Peter Kirts second Lieut. William Carter Ensign William Johnson Capt. Jesse WillCoxen first Lieut. Abraham Young second Lieut. Samuel B. Magruder Ensign, Joseph Macgruder Capt. Joseph White first Lieut. John Norris second Lieut. Thomas Scott Ensign, Robert Beall Capt. Aaron Harris First Lieut. Zadock Harris second Lieutenant Charles Phillips Ensign John Gaither Capt Jeremiah Ducker first Lieut Zephaniah Beall second Lieut John Sheckle Ensign, Thadeous Beall Capt. Thomas Edmonston first Lieut. Edward Wheeler second Lieut and Richard Beall Ensign, belonging to the Lower Battalion of Militia in Montgomery County.

C. B. Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Hugh Young Sixty pounds for a Horse to be charged to the Continent

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Chesters Sixty Pounds for a Horse to be charged to the Continent

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to William Jacob Ninty five pounds fifteen shillings and three pence per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to George Dunnehour eleven pounds ten shillings per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Foreman twelve pounds ten shillings per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Thomas twenty one pounds per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Dowlin sixteen pounds eighteen shillings per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Nichols sixteen pounds eighteen shillings per Account passed.

Job Green, George Somervill, George Isley and William Ford all of Baltimore County and who were committed to the Custody of the Sheriff of the County aforesaid were according to Order brought before the Governor and Council, And it appearing to the Governor and Council that there are good Grounds to believe the going at large of the said Job Green, George Somervill, George Isley, and William Ford may be dangerous to the Safety of this State, It is therefore ordered that the said several persons be confined in the Public Prison of Baltimore County under the Custody of the Sheriff of the same County during the present Invasion of this State or until the further Order of the Governor and Council herein.

The Revd John Patterson and Thomas Wright having been sent hither from the Eastern shore under Guard and Charged with inimical Conduct to this State and it being represented that their going at Large in this time of Invasion may be dangerous to the safety of this State It is ordered that they be kept in safe Custody by the Sheriff of Baltimore County in order that due Inquiry may be made herein.

Saturday 13th September 1777

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Robert Boscoms twelve pounds eighteen shillings and one penny as per Account passed the Board of Acco^ts

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to William Smith twelve pounds eighteen shillings and one penny per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Quinton Armstrong twelve pounds eighteen shillings and one penny per Account passed. C. B.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Willix seven pounds for a Gun

That the said Treasurer pay to Zachariah Allen five pounds for a Gun

That the said Treasurer pay to Andrew Grebble Twenty six pounds five shillings amount passed the Board of Accounts.

That the said Treasurer pay to Ezekiel Towson fifteen Pounds seventeen shillings and eight pence amount of Account passed

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Hooper one pound Ten shillings and two pence per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to J. R. Holliday two pounds fifteen shillings on Account of Col° Edward Cockeys Battalion.

That the said Treasurer pay to Francis Haselit sixteen pounds sixteen shillings and Ten pence per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Amon Riggs seventy two pounds per Acc^t passed

[N. Smith to Gov. Johnson.] C. C. Original.

Fort at Whetson Septr 13th 1777.

Sir

I this moment Rec^d the inclos'd, would not it be best to detain Capt Furnaval 'till we know the enemies intentions & order Capt Welles whole Company down in the morning

I am Sir
Your M° obliged Hble Servt
Nathl Smith

Friday Evening
8 °Clock
prehaps they may land
& march to town this night

[Smallwood to Gov. Johnson.] Original.

Nottingham September 14th 1777.

My Dear Sir

I am just now setting out for Philad^a to join Genl Washingtons Army. As yet no Field pieces nor Cartridge come up, which will oblige me to make my Route much longer to effect a junction. Gist with the East^n Shore Militia & Richardsons Reg^t amount^g to 700 now at Christina have ordered on for the same purpose, shall submit to your consideration whether the Troops which you may hereafter detatch to join me had not better cross the Susquehannah higher up and take the

C. C. Route of Lancaster if the Route shou'd be left to the discretion of an Officer he ought at least to be a Person in whom much confidence cou'd be reposed Blankets and thicker Cloathing are much wanting in the Militia here, and as I imagine they will not be furnished by the Public shall endeavor to transmit Returns from the Commandants of Detatchments of such as can be procured of their own out of their Respective Families which may be forwarded by some Detatchment of the Militia have inclosed an Account of the Action printed by order of Congress.

I am with sincere Regard

Y^r Excellency's

Most Obed^t & very H^ble Servt

W. Smallwood

Dear Sir.

I shall proceed with General Smallwood till he joins the main Army and shall then either go to Congress or return home; I am well and desire you will inform my father thereof by the first opportunity. I am &^c

Ch. Carroll of Carrollton

C. B. Monday 15th September 1777.

Present as on Saturday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Aquila Randall eighteen Pounds Balance of Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jacob Razor one hundred and eighty seven pounds ten shillings on Account of his Contract for making Arms.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Wilmott eleven pounds per Acc^t passed

That the said Treasurer pay to John Laypole one hundred and twelve pounds one shilling per Account passed.

Jacob Razor agrees with the Governor and Council to make and in a Workman like manner compleat and finish one hundred Musquets fixed with Bayonets, Steel Rammers Swivels priming wires and Brushes at three pounds fifteen shillings each the Mounting to be of Brass or Iron the Breech pin to be let into the Solid so that on reboring the threads of the screw shall not be injured. that he will enter on the said Work within one Month from this Day and within two Months from this Day will deliver at least twelve and so from Month to Month thereafter at least twelve of the said Musquets the Deliveries to be at Frederick Town to Charles Beatty or such other person as shall be appointed by the Governor and Council. The Governor and Council to furnish Locks and such Barrells and Bayonets as were furnished to Nicholas White

And also to advance one hundred and eighty seven pounds ten shillings part of the price on giving Bond with good Security to comply with this Contract C. B.

Tuesday 16 September 1777.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Clement Wilson eight pounds per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Johnson two hundred and thirty five pounds thirteen shillings and nine pence per Acc^t passed.

Wednesday 17. September 1777.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Allen Thomas twenty three pounds ten shillings and six pence per Acc^t passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Peter Littig two hundred and eighty one pounds five shillings on Contract for making Arms

That the said Treasurer pay to Peter Keener one hundred and eighty seven pounds ten shillings on his Contract for making Arms

That the said Treasurer pay to James Maynard twenty five pounds due him the 20th Inst. as Messenger to the Council.

Peter Littig agrees with the Governor and Council to make and in a Workmanlike manner compleat and finish one hundred and fifty Musquets fixed with Bayonets, Steel Rammers, Swivels priming wires and brushes at three pounds fifteen shillings each the mounting to be of brass or Iron the breech pin to be let into the solid so that in reboring the threads of the Screws shall not be injured that he will enter on the said Work within one Month from the Date hereof and within two Months from the Date hereof will deliver Twenty and so from Month to Month thereafter at least twenty of the said Musquets Compleatly finished as aforesaid, the said deliveries to be at Baltimore Town to Gerrard Hopkins or such other person as shall be appointed by the Governor and Council. The Governor and Council to furnish Locks and such barrels and Bayonets as were furnished to Nicholas White and also to advance to the said Peter Littig two hundred and eighty one pounds five shillings part of the price on giving Bond with good security to comply with this Contract.

Peter Keener agrees with the Governor & Council to make and in Workmanlike manner compleat and finish one hun-

C. B. dred Musquets fixed with Bayonets, steel rammers, swivels, priming wires and brushes at three pounds fifteen shillings each the Mounting to be of brass or Iron the breech pin to be let into the solid so that on reboring the threads of the screws shall not be injured, that he will enter on the said Work within two weeks from the Date hereof and within six weeks from the Date hereof will deliver fifteen and so from Month to Month thereafter at least fifteen of the said Musquets compleatly finished as aforesaid the said Deliveries to be made at Baltimore Town to Gerrard Hopkins or such other person as shall be appointed by the Governor and Council. The Governor and Council to furnish Locks and such Barrels and Bayonets as were furnished to Nicholas White and also to advance one hundred and eighty seven pounds ten shillings part of the price on giving Bond with good security to comply with this Contract

Thursday 18 September 1777.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Alexander Furnival forty shillings money paid by him for shoeing 2 Horses.

That the said Treasurer pay to Doct. Charles Wiesenthal Thirty seven pounds, three shillings and five pence and fifty six pounds nine shillings and six pence as per Accounts passed the Board and also the further sum of sixty pounds for a Horse to be charged to the Continent

That the said Treasurer pay to John Hart Quarter Master one hundred Pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Edward Fox Ten Pounds eight shillings and fourpence for one Month's Salary as Cl to the Board of Accounts due 20th August last.

C. C.
Original.

[Gist to Gov. Johnson.]

Cross Roads Near Nottingham 18 Sept. 1777.

Sir

this will be delivered you by Lieutenant Allison of my Regiment by whom I send under Guard five Brittish Prisoners, to be disposed of as you may Judge necessary which when delivered you will please to order the Guard to Join the Regiment they belong to.

I likewise Inclose you Martin Rodda's Parole. the charge against him was forwarded to the Lieut[t] of Kent County in order to be transmitted to you. I expet to form a Junction

with General Smallwood this Evening who I understand is about nine miles from this place, when I shall write you again. as time will not admit of giving you any particulars at present C. C.

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Y^r Mo Hum Servent
M. Gist

NB. I have likewise sent two negroes who say they deserted from the Enemy, they are the property of Col^o Richd Lloyd.

Friday 19th September 1777. C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Margaret Tripolet ninty seven pounds ten shillings per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jesse Hollingsworth one thousand seven hundred and seventy six pounds two shillings & ten pence per Account passed the Board of Accounts.

That the said Treasurer pay to George Scott one hundred and sixty seven pounds fourteen shillings and seven pence to be delivered over to John Hanson Junr on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Comfort Gray (the widow of Zachariah Gray who was lately killed in the Service) Twelve pounds for the Subsistance of herself and her five small Children till some Provision towards their support may be regularly made.

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Jones twenty five shillings for 15 days Service in the Militia under Capt. Garretson

That the said Treasurer pay to Aquila Parker Thirty pounds per Account passed the Board of Accounts.

That the said Treasurer pay to Patrick Hannan thirty pounds on Acc^t

That the said Treasurer pay to John Proctor six Pounds ten shillings per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Hall (Quarter Master to Col. Thomas Gists Batt. twelve pounds four shillings & three pence Acc^t passed

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bullen four hundred and twenty eight Pounds per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Philip Lydick six Pounds Ten Shillings for a Gun purchased of him.

Col^o Edward Cockey, Lieut. Col. Benjamin Nicholson and Major Micajah Merryman appointed to take the Command of the third & fourth Classes of the Baltimore County Militia if ordered into actual Service.

C. B. Commission issued to Thomas Worthington son of Nicholas appointed second Lieut. of Capt. Burgesses Comp^{y} of the Elkridge Batt. of Mil^{a} in Ann^{l} County

Brevit Issued to George Randall as first Lieut. in Capt. Garretsons Comp^{y} of Marching Militia from Baltimore County.

C. C. 162 [Council to Col. Tyler.]

In Council Baltimore 19th Septr 1777.

Sir.

It is probable that we may, in a few Days, order the Prisoners who are at Queen Ann, to Annapolis; therefore we would have you suspend the Execution of the former Order, for their Removal to Frederick, but we hope that the little Time they stay at Queen Ann, there will be more Attention; for the frequent Escapes of Prisoners, is a strong Encouragem^{t} to the Disaffected to hazard Imprisonment by their Conduct.

We are &^{ca}

Col^{o} Tyler Prince George's

163 [Council to Sheriffs.]

In Council Baltimore 19th Septr 1777

Circular.

As the Minds of the People are much ingrossed by the interesting Crisis of our Affairs, they possibly may not advert to the Inconveniences which would follow from our periodical Elections not being held the first Monday of next Month, agreeable to our Constitution and Form of Government. We therefore request you to give the most public and general Notice you can, of the Time of holding the Election for Delegates in Assembly, that those who are entitled to vote and can may attend.

We are &^{ca}

Sheriffs of the different Counties.

C. B. Saturday 20 September 1777.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That Hugh Deem who made his escape from Queen Ann and is taken up at Elk Ridge Landing be sent under a Guard to Annapolis and there delivered to the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County who is required to keep him securely in the Common Jail.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Samuel Chester Thirty six pounds per Account passed

That the said Treasurer pay to Benjamin Talbot four C. B.
Pounds fifteen shillings per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Thomas Walker sixty Doll^{s} on Acc^{t} Doct^{r} Thomas Howard is appointed Assistant Surgeon to the Matross Companies in Annapolis.

Monday 22^{d} September 1777.

Present as on Saturday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut James Allison twelve pounds on Account of Col^{o} Gists Regiment he having brought down some Prisoners.

That the said Treasurer pay to Martin Watts five hundred Pounds to be delivered over to Mr George Murdock Continental Commissary at Frederick Town to be charged to the Continent.

Commissions issued to Frederick Hill appointed first Lieut. Edward Nothorn Nelms second Lieut. Archibald Smith Ensign of Capt. Robert Handy's Company. John Jones Capt John Denwood first Lieut. Thomas Maddux Junr Second, Alexander Adams Ensign of Princess Ann Comp^{y} David Wilson Capt Henry Jackson first Lieut. Ezekiel Gilliss second Lieut. James Elzey Ensign of Back Creek Company William Waters of John Capt. Isaac Handy first Lieut Ballard Bozman second Lieut. John Ewing Ensign of Great Annamesex Company. George Waters Capt. William Stevens first Lieut William Hayward second Lieutenant Robert Jenkins King Ensign of Pocomoke Company. William Waters of Willm Capt. Samuel Dixon first Lieut. Thomas Williams second Lieut. James Curtis Ensign of St Asaph Company. John Williams Capt. Thomas King first Lieut Benjamin Schoolfield second Lieut David Williams Ensign of Watkin's Point Comp^{y} Thomas Irving Capt. John Dashiell first Lieut John Jones of Robert second Lieut. Gavin Wright Ensign of Monie Comp^{y} Henry Miles Capt. John Horsey first Lieut Nathaniel Juet second Lieut William Dixon Ensign of Little Annamessex Comp^{y} belonging to the Princess Anne Battalion of Militia in Somerset County. and also to Joseph Vennables Capt. Benjamin Vennables first Lieut John Weatherby second Lieut. George Gilliss Ensign of Barron Creek Company. Levin Irving Capt Gilliss Polk first Lieut. James Hayner second Lieut Isaac Henry Ensign of Black Water Comp^{y} John Span Conway Capt. John McClester first Lieut. George Handy second Lieut. William Stewart Ensign of a Nanticoke P^{t} Comp^{y} Henry Gale Capt. James Polk first Lieut John Leatherbury second Lieut Robert Dashiell Ensign of Quantico Comp^{y} William

C. B. Turpin Capt Huit Nutter first Lieut John Philips second Lieut. Joseph Piper Ensign of Rewastico Compy Robert Dashiell Capt William Winder first Lieut. John Dashiell second Lieut. William McBryde Ensign of Salisbury Co Josiah Dashiell Capt Ephraim Stevens first Lieut Joseph Gilliss second Lieut. Thomas Fountain Ensign of Wicomico Company. George Wilson Capt. Joseph Cottman first Lieut. Lambert Hyland second Lieut. John Jones G. C. Ensign of White haven Compy belonging to the Salisbury Battalion of Militia in Somerset County.

C. C. 164

[Council to H. Hooper.]

In Council 22d Sept 1777.

Sir

There are a considerable Number of Tories taken, who have lately been in Arms in Somerset and Worcester Counties. The Lieutenants of those Counties have desired our Directions as to what shall be done with them. It appears to us that Cambridge will be the most secure Place to keep them at on your Shore and therefore request that you will adjust matters so that a good Guard may be constantly furnished over them; we would have the Principals and as many of the others as can, with convenience, put in the jail & kept close

We are &ca

Henry Hooper Lt of Dorchester County

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[Council to G. Dashiell.]

In Council Baltimore 22d Sepr 1777.

Sir.

We have sent you the Commissions as desired. The Tories lately in Arms whom you have taken or may take, we would have sent to Cambridge, and as many as can kept in the Jail under a Guard. We shall send you a Galley but she, as the rest, is very poorly manned, in Expectation that Hands may be got with you, merely for this Service, leaving them at large to enter for what Time they please, not less than three Weeks, she is nearly fitted and shall go down in a very few Days. As you are circumstanced, we do not desire the Militia of your County or Worcester to march to Genl Washington, we hope he is strong enough without them, therefore let them know the Order for their March is countermanded, but for Security of themselves and Families and for the Preservation of the public Peace, it is desired and expected that they frequently meet and exercise and get prepared in the best manner they can to crush any new Insurrection in its Birth.

If those Men who have no Sense of Duty to their Country, C. C.
nor, indeed any Regard to the sacred Obligation of an Oath, should again assemble in Arms, it will, in our Opinion, best promote the Public Good and insure its Tranquility, to make use of the Arms you hold, in the Cause of our common Liberty. We are &ca

George Dashiell Esqr Lt
Somerset County.

[Council to J. Dashiell.] 166

In Council Baltimore 22d Septtr 1777.

Sir

We do not incline to send another Commission in the Stead of Capt Handy's If he is, as we are informed, a proper Man, it will be very difficult to induce us to part from him, as an Officer. You have inclosed several Commissions where there were Resignations. Gent may, perhaps, now resign and, hereafter be desirous of filling Commissions; but we desire wherever there shall be a Recommendation of a Person who shall have had before resigned, that the Reasons of the Resignation may accompany the Recommendation.

As we judge Cambridge the most proper Place for the Imprisonment of the Tory Prisoners, we request such as are taken in your County may be sent thither. Genl Washington, we hope & expect, will not want the Assistance of your County Militia, we are sorry there is so much Occasion for them at Home, and therefore countermand the former Order for their marching, but we wish them to be frequently exercised and prepared as well as you can, to do effectual Service, if necessary. The Conduct of those People who have already experienced Lenity and falsified the solemn Assurances given to the Public, leaves them no Room to expect a further Forbearance and if they or others should again assemble in Arms we are of Opinion that Force ought to be preferred to Entreaty and Advice. We are Sir &ca

Joshua Dashiell Esqr Lt of
Worcester County

Tuesday 23d September 1777 C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the Western Shore Treasurer pay to Capt George Cooke one thousand Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Hawkins Lowe forty pounds to be charged to Col Mordecai Gists Regiment.

Adjourned to Annapolis

C. B. Wednesday 24th September 1777.

Present as on yesterday.

Commission issued to James Grahame appointed Captain Peregrine Fitzhugh first Lieut. Thomas Jones second Lieut. William Kelty Ensign of a Compy in Calvert County.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Darby Lux Colo of the Marching Militia from Baltimore County two hundred pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt John Anderson fifty pounds to be charged to Colo Prices Regiment.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. William Galbraith eighteen pounds for the use of his Company to be accounted for.

Commission issued to Christopher Owings appointed, Capt of a Company in the Soldiers Delight Battalion of Militia in Baltimore County.

Brevet issued to Aquila Randall as first Lieut in Capt Richard Owings Company of Marching Militia Baltimore County.

Ordered That the Sheriff of Baltimore County deliver to Lieut Colo Shields and the Guard under his Command the five British Prisoners lately committed to his Custody and that Lieut Colo Shields carry the said Prisoners to Frederick Town to Charles Beatty Esqr who is to send them to Hagars Town to be there treated in the same manner as the other British Prisoners there

C. C. 167 [Council to B. Mackall.]

In Council Baltimore 24th Septr 1777.

Sir

We have issued the Commissions to the Officers of Captain Grahame's Company, as you requested. If, as we imagine, the Fleet is gone quite clear of you, so that Negroes &ca may not probably follow it, we would have the Militia discharged. We write to Mr Carroll's Agent in Annapolis about the Mulatto Man & Boat; if they belong to Mr Carroll, you'll be pleased to deliver them, if they do not belong to him, we request you'll have them secured and advertized; The Musquetts &ca we esteem the Property of the Persons who took them and would either have them divided, or sold and the Money divided amongst them, as they may agree.

Benja Mackall Esqr Lt of Calvert County. } We are &ca

Thursday 25th September 1777 C. B.

Ordered That the western S. Treasurer pay to Chs Beatty Esqr eight hundred pound on Acct to pay for Beef Cattle purchased for the Militia.

Ordered that the Armourer deliver Mr Winters the Musquet Barrels made by Mr Bond, locks sufficient for the Barrels and what mounting he has belonging to the Public.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. John Hawkins Lowe Twenty pounds to be charged to the 3d Regiment

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Davidson fifty five pounds to be charged to Colo Prices Regiment & to be accounted for

Monday 29th September 1777 Annapolis.

Ordered, That the western shore Treasurer pay to Jenifer and Hooe two thousand six hundred and sixty two pounds four shillings per Account passed.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Charles Beatty Esqr three hundred and fifty pounds to be delivered over to Benjamin Johnson on Acct to pay the Guard.

Tuesday 30 September 1777.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Elisha Winters six hundred and seventy one pounds seventeen shillings and six pence per Acct passed.

[Council to Board of Auditors.] C. C. 168

Septr 30th 1777.

Gent

A principal Reason for our removing from Baltimore was our not being able to pay the Public Debts for want of a Board to examine & pass the Accounts. We find the same Difficulty here, and for want of your sitting to do Business, have been obliged to draw Money from the Treasury, in several Instances, on account to repay Money advanced the Public. Several People have been waiting in Town two or three Days for you and we have hitherto told them, as we imagined, you might be soon expected, but they are as weary of hearing as we are of giving that Answer, and request you'll furnish us with one, if not more Satisfactory at least, more decisive We are Gent &ca

To the Board of Auditors.

C. B. Wednesday 1 October 1777

Ordered That Jesse Hollingsworth deliver to William Lux two Swivels and one Howitzer.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Nicholas Maccubbin sixty three pounds for sixty three pair Shoes.

Thursday 2d October 1777.

Present Josiah Polk, John Rogers and Tho. Sim Lee Esquires.

Ordered That James Brice Esquire Lieut. of Ann Arundel County discharge Jonathan Pinkney, Anthony Pinkney and James Taylor from further confinement, they having been on the Invasion of this State confined under Guard for the Public security and that Invasion having ceased.

The Sheriff of Ann Arundel County is hereby required to receive into his Custody the bodies of Jesse Gray, Hambleton Callilo and Daniel Melson, charged with Treason against this State and heretofore committed to a Guard and them safely keep in the Common Jail till Lawfully discharged.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores at Annapolis deliver Samuel Boone 6 pieces Kendal Cotton 1 piece Osnabrigs 10 Bushels Salt for the use of the Gun Lock Manufactory in Frederick.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Samuel Boone four hundred and fifty pounds to be delivered over into the hands of the Supervisors of the Gun Lock Manufactory in Frederick on Acct

Lieut Danl Hughs Esquire of Washington County

Sir. The time of the Militia of this State who have already joined the Continental Army having nearly expired, it is necessary that they should be relieved you are therefore to order forward immediately to the Camp the two first Classes of the Militia of your County, such of them as have good Arms had better carry them but there need be no delay on that head, as we expect the Arms Canteens and Tents belonging to this State now used by the Militia in Camp will amply supply those of your County who are now going out. We beg there may be no delay as it would in all probability be highly detrimental.

Friday 3d October 1777.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Colo John Dorsey three hundred and seventy pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Moffatt nine pounds fifteen shillings due him for going Express to Virginia. C. B.

Commission issued to Robert Hudson appointed Ensign in Capt. Hammonds Comp^y of the Elkridge Batt in Ann Arundel County,

The first and second Classes of Militia in Queen Annes County are Ordered to march immediately to relieve the Militia now at Camp.

Saturday 4th October 1777.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to William Judah two hundred pounds to be accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Richard Dorsey forty one pounds five shillings per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Richard Dorsey one hundred pounds two shillings and six pence to be delivered over to Samuel & Robert Purviance in Payment for so much money advanced Thomas Jones Esquire to defray the Expence of Expresses from Camp.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Richard Dorsey two hundred and fifty nine pounds seventeen shillings and six pence to be delivered over to Major Nathaniel Smith to pay for two hundred & thirty one yards of Cloth purchased by him of Charles Harris a 23/6 p yd by order of the Governor and Council for Cloathing for Capt Dorseys Comp^y of Matrosses.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Richard Dorsey sixty pounds to be expended in purchasing Buttons and making Coats for his Company of which Account to be rendered.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver Capt. Richard Dorsey 536½ yds Oznabrigs 249½ yds of which to be delivered to Messrs Samuel and Robert Purviance the residue to line the Matrosses Coats.

That the Commissary of Stores at Elk ridge Landing deliver to William Judah one Barrel of Salt for the use of the Matrosses in Balt^o

Ordered That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Edward Markland fifty four pounds seventeen shillings and six pence per Acco^t passed

That the said Treasurer pay to Nicholas Thomas Esquire twelve pounds per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to David Robinson one pound ten shillings per Account passed

C. B. That the western shore Treasurer pay to Patrick Hannan one hundred and eight pounds and ten pence per Account passed

That the said Treasurer pay to Michael Foy twenty three pounds fifteen shillings and eight pence per Account passed.

C. C. 169 [Council to N. Smith.]

In Council 3d Octr 1777.

Sir.

Andrew Buchanan Esqr Lieut of Baltimore County may, probably require the Assistance of the Matrosses under your Command, to suppress an Insurrection in the upper Part of that County. If required, you are to give him all the Aid in your Power, or what he may think necessary

We are Sir &ca

To Majr Nathl Smith.

170 [Council to F. Ware.]

In Council Annapolis 3d Octr 1777.

Sir.

It is quite uncertain whether it may not be necessary to keep up a Body of our Militia at Camp and the Time of those who are now there being nearly expired we request you will immediately order the first and second Class of the Militia of your County to march. They will do well to take each of them a Blankett, we have none with which we can supply them; and, such as can, a Gun. The Arms, Tents, Camp Kettles and Accoutrements in the Use of those at Camp, will be put into the Hands of those who are to supply their Place but probably, as is too common, some of the Arms may be carried away and others abused, so as not to be immediately serviceable. Through Baltimore Town will be the best Rout and we shall be glad that an Officer from each Company should come to us here, by the Time the Militia get to Marlbro. We wish all Expedition to be used as, eventually, it may be necessary to form a large Body of Militia, or what is indeed to be wished our Affairs may be in such a Situation as to allow us to dismiss them on the Way. We are &ca

Francis Ware Esqr Lt of Charles County

171 [Council to A. Hall.]

In Council Annapolis 3d Octr 1777.

Sir.

By a Letter of yesterday Evening from General Buchanan, we are advised that a Number of People are collected in Bal-

timore in Arms, to oppose the Distresses made under the Militia Law, and are apprehensive that he may need Assistance from your County to reduce them to due Obedience to the Laws. If he applies for your Aid, you are to furnish it and of such as you can best rely on. It is a distressing Circumstance to be obliged to exert Force against our own Countrymen, but suffering a lawless armed Force to prevail over the Laws, would certainly and soon enslave us all. C. C.

We are Sir &ca

Aquila Hall Esqr Lt of Harford County

[Council to H. Hooper.] 172

In Council 3d Octr 1777.

Sir

The Militia of this State who are now at Camp, will soon have served their Time, and our Affairs may very probably, require that they should be replaced. We therefore request that you will order the first and second Classes of the Militia of your County to march immediately and join Genl Washington. As many as can, are desired to carry their Arms, and each, who go a Blankett; they will be furnished, at Camp, with the Tents, Canteens, Kettles and Accoutrements belonging to this State now in Use, but, probably, some of the Arms may be carried off or rendered unfit for Use. If Care has been taken of all we sent, those who now go, may be supplied with them also, but it will be best not to rely entirely on them. We wish as little Delay as possible. We are Sir &ca

Henry Hooper Esqr Lt of Dorchester County

[Council to A. Buchanan.] 173

In Council Annapolis 3d Octr 1777.

Sir.

We this Morning received yours of Yesterday and are truly sorry for the Occasion of it, wishing, as we are sure you do, to avoid the Necessity of shedding the Blood of our Countrymen. We inclose you a Proclamation, offering Forgiveness for the past, on Condition of dispersing and ceasing to oppose the Execution of the Law in future, which we desire may be printed & generally dispersed immediately. We would have had it printed here, but the Delay of the Express would have been too long. We inclose you an Order to Major Smith, also a Letter to Colo Beatty & Colo Hall, which you will make use of as you may find necessary and, you

c. c. judge, prudent. Perhaps too many of the People in Frederick who are connected with those in Baltimore, may be in the same Humour, but we flatter ourselves, great Numbers are of a different Sentiment. We shall order a Detachment of our Matrosses from hence with two Field Pieces, and have to Day ordered 10 Companies of Militia from St Mary's, Charles and Calvert to relieve the Militia at Camp and, yesterday, the first and second Class from Washington, with the same Intention. We hope as all those have long been ordered to hold themselves in Readiness, they will, very soon begin their March and may be confided in to do the Business, if necessary in their Way. Advise us frequently of the situation of Things, as we may be able to give you timely Assistance, if necessary. We are Sir &^ca^

P. S. If not already done secure all Ammunition

Andrew Buchanan Esqr
L^t^ of Baltimore County

174 [Council to B. Mackall.]

In Council Annapolis 3^d^ Octr 1777.

Sir.

It is quite uncertain whether it may not be necessary to keep up a Body of our Militia at Camp, and the Time of those who are now there being nearly expired, we request you will immediately order the first & second Class of the Militia of your County to march. They will do well to take each of them a Blankett, we have none with which we can supply them, and, such as can, a Gun. The Arms, Tents & Camp Kettles & Accoutriments in the Use of those at Camp, will be put into the Hands of those who are to supply their Place, but, probably, as is too common, some of the Arms may be carried away and others abused, so as not to be immediately serviceable.

Through this City will be the best Rout, and we shall be glad that an Officer from each Company should come to us here before the Militia get to Rawlings's Tavern. We wish all Expedition to be used as, eventually it may be necessary to form a large Body of Militia, or what is indeed to be wished our Affairs may be in such a Situation as to allow us to dismiss them on the Way. We are &^ca^

Benjamin Mackall Esqr
L^t^ of Calvert County

[Council to R. Barnes.] C. C. 175

In Council Annapolis 3d Octr 1777.

Sir.

It is quite uncertain whether it may not be necessary to keep up a Body of our Militia at Camp, and the Time of those who are now there, being nearly expired, we request you will immediately order the first & second Classes of the Militia in your County to march, they will do well to take each of them a Blankett, we have none with which we can supply them and, such as can, a Gun. The Arms, Tents, Camp Kettles and Accoutriments, in the Use of those now at Camp, will be put into Hands of those who are to supply their Places; but, probably, as is too common, some of the Arms may be carried away and others abused so as not to be immediately serviceable. Through Baltimore Town will be the best Rout, and we shall be glad that an Officer from each Company should come to us here, by the Time the Militia get to Marlbro'. We wish all Expedition to be used as, eventually it may be necessary to form a large Body of Militia, or, what is indeed to be wished, our Affairs may be in such a Situation as to allow us to dismiss them on their Way.

We are &ca

Richard Barnes Esqr
L^t of St Mary's County

[Council to C. Beatty.] 176

In Council Annapolis 3d Octr 1777.

Sir.

By a Letter of yesterday Evening from Genl Buchanan, we are advised that a number of People are collected in Baltimore in Arms, to oppose the Distresses made under the Militia Law and are apprehensive that he may need Assistance from your County to reduce them to a due Obedience to the Laws. If he applies for your Aid, you are to furnish it, and of such as you can best rely on. It is a distressing Circumstance to be obliged to exert Force against our own Countrymen, but suffering a lawless armed Force to prevail over the Laws, would certainly and soon enslave us all.

We are &ca

Charles Beatty Esqr
L^t of Frederick County

Monday 6th October 1777. C. B.

Present I. Polk, I Sim and T. S. Lee Esquires

Ordered, That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Richd Coward Ninty pounds thirteen shillings and six pence per Acc^t passed

C. B. That the said Treasurer pay to Henry M^c^Bryde one hundred and fifty pounds to be delivered over to Doct^r^ Hall on Account for Sick Militia in Cecil County under his Care.

That the said Treasurer pay to Williams Sears seven pounds ten shillings for a Musquet and Bayonet.

That the said Treasurer pay to Stephen Steward fifteen hundred pounds on Account

Commissions issued to Nicholas Maccubbin appointed Capt. John Brice first Lieut. Samuel Harvey Howard second Lieutenant John Davidson third Lieut. Benjamin Harwood Captain Charles Wallace Howard first Lieut. Gilbert Middleton second Lieut. and John Callahan third Lieut. of the Independent Companies of Militia in Annapolis.

Tuesday 7th October 1777.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Samuel Merverick eleven Pounds five shillings a South Carolina Officer taken Prisoner and redeemed to carry him Home on his Bill for that Sum on the South Carolina Delegates.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Ball seven pounds seventeen shillings and six pence per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Goldsmith twenty four pounds six shillings per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Taylor four pounds nineteen shillings and three pence and the further sum of six pounds eighteen shillings and nine pence per Accounts passed.

Commissions issued to Francis Deakins appointed Col^o^ Eneas Campbell Lieut Col^o^ Solomon Simpson Major and William Blackmore Capt. of the Upper Batt in Montgomery County. William Robinson Capt. in the Middle Batt. Montgomery County

Wednesday 8th October 1777.

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to William Jacob Canvas to make into Sails for the Chester Galley.

That Messrs Lux and Bowley furnish Cordage and Rigging for the Chester Galley.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Jesse Hollingsworth one thousand pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Jacob sixty two pounds eight shillings and six pence per Account passed

[Council to J. Hollingsworth.] C. C. 177

In Council Annapolis 8th Octr 1777.

Sir.

We expected the Carpenters Work & Iron Work were done to Capt Coursey's Galley and thought that something was done towards the Rigging as Mr Smith furnished the Sails of a Brigg which, we understood were to be applied that Way, but we would have her thrown down & cleaned immediately and fitted with such Things as are absolutely necessary, the Times will not allow any Thing that can be done without. We have drawn an Order in your Favour for one Thousand Pounds. As to Advances for Rum, we have several Times spoke on that Article, and, if any has been supplied, since the last Account, we request you'll settle it with the Officers who had it, for we shall not consent to charge the Public with it. We are desirous of paying the Officers & Men monthly, or, as often as is convenient but when Money is drawn for Pay, our Method is to do it on a proved Pay Roll ; nor will we agree to do it in any other manner. We are willing to leave a reasonable Sum of Money in advance, in the Officers Hands & have drawn & will draw Orders at any Time, on Application & approving the Use it is to be put to, and, by this Method, we can have the Accounts settled from Time to Time, but we repeat our former Request that you will not advance large Sums to any of our Officers and hope you will attend to it. We are &c.

Mr Jesse Hollingsworth

Thursday 9th October 1777. C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Henry Hooper Esqr one thousand pounds to be accounted for

Doct George Gale is appointed Surgeon to the Matross Companies in Baltimore Town.

Friday 10th October 1777

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Charles Wallace Paymaster two thousand Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Gavane Paymaster to Col^o Edward Cockeys Batt of Militia two hundred and seventy two pounds four shillings and eleven pence and the

C. B. further Sum of forty four pounds twelve Shillings and ten pence Balances per Acc^ts^ passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. William Gailbraith one hundred and six Pounds eleven Shillings and the further Sums of one hundred and fifty one Pounds thirteen Shillings and six pence per Acc^ts^ passed due his Company whilst in Service.

That the said Treasurer pay to George Keeports eighty three Pounds eight Shillings and nine pence per Acc^t^ passed and the further Sum of thirteen pounds seventeen shillings and six pence to be delivered over to Andrew Grebble due him per Account passed.

That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Robertson Stevens Ten Pounds per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Chalmers seventy one pounds eight Shillings and eight pence due to a Comp^y^ of Mil^a^ under his Command whilst in Service per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Ridgeway seven pounds ten shillings per Account passed.

C. C. 178

[Council to H. Hooper.]

In Council Annapolis 9th Octr 1777

Sir

We inclose you an Order on the Treasurer for £1000, requested by your Letter of the 8th Ins^t^ The Militia now at Camp are, by this Time, very desirous of being relieved and if they come away before others get up to take their Places, it may, probably, be very prejudicial. Wherefore we wish those who are now to go, may be as expeditious as possible. We hope the Loss & Waste of Arms may not be so great but that all who are to march may be armed by those who are now in the Hands of our Militia there, but to prevent any Disappointment, it is prudent that a Part of those you send should carry their Arms with them, some of them certainly must have good Guns. We inclose you Commissions for the Officers you desired and will give no Delay, at any Time you mention to us what Commiss^ns^ are wanting, but as the Intercourse between us is now open, we do not hold ourselves justifiable in sending blank Commissions, nothing but the most pressing Necessity could have induced it. We are Sir &^ca^

Henry Hooper Esqr
L^t^ of Dorchester County

[Council to A. Hall.] C. C.

In Council 10th Octr 1777. 179

Sir.

Convinced that it is absolutely necessary to strengthen Genl Washington all we possibly can, and that it may produce the most unhappy Consequences, if the Army should be weakened, by the Militia who are now in Service, coming away on the Expiration of their Time without being replaced. We request that you will give the necessary Orders for the March of the two first Classes of your County. We wish there may be no Delay and would have them carry what Arms they can, but such as cannot immediately procure them, may go without, and will, we expect, be furnished at Camp with every Thing except Blanketts, which they must carry with them. If any are gone from your County under the General Orders given before, then would we have only so many march now, as will make up two Classes We are Sir &^ca

Aquila Hall Esqr
L^t of Harford County

[Council to Beatty and Griffith.] 180

In Council 10th Octr 1777.

Sir.

From the Situation of our Affairs, it may, probably be necessary still to keep up a Body of our Militia at Camp, and the Time of those who are there being nearly expired, we have ordered two Classes to march from several of the Water Side Counties, but as they may not fully make up the Number requested by Congress, we desire you'll give the necessary Orders for the March of the third Class from your County. We wish this Class to be on their Way as soon as possible, that those who have already served may be soon discharged. So far as they can, we would have them carry their Arms but request there may be no Delay on that Account, as we expect those who carry none, may have the Arms of this State now at Camp, put into their Hands. They will be furnished at Camp with our Tents, Accoutriments & Camp Kettles, but as to Blanketts, they must carry their own, for we have none.

We are &^ca

To Charles Beatty Esqr L^t of Fred^k County
Chas G. Griffith Esqr L^t of Washington Co^ty

[S. Chase to Gov. Johnson.] Original.

York Town, October 10th 1777
Fryday Evening

My Dear Sir

I wrote to you this Morning the best Accounts I could obtain of the Battle of the 4th Inst. I sent My Letter by

C. C. Major Tarling Deputy Quarter Master of Georgia. this afternoon I was honoured with your favor of the 8th Ult° inclosing the Petition of Brothers & Doffler, & inclosed is the Determination of Congress, my motion being granted a similar one was prayed by Dr Wetherspoone for some Damage Done by Colonels Stones Regiment, this produced an universal Complaint against our Troops, it is referred to the Board of War to consider of some general Regulation.

I have just seen Capt Cox, who acted as Brigade Major to Col° Stone, he informs me, that Col° Stone is wounded in the Ankle and is now at one John Rialy who lives at 32 Mile Stone from Philada in Limerick Township, where he is attended by Dr Craigg, Cochran & Wallace, his Brother is with him, and several Gentlemen from Philada have offered him their Houses, but he is in too much pain to bear Removal at this Time. Major forrest had his Thigh broke by a Musquet Ball. Captn Brookes received a Ball through his Mouth which split his Tongue & went out at the back of his Jaw-Bone. Capt Bowie was wounded slightly in the shoulder. Capt Lawrence was also slightly wounded. Col° Halls Horse ran away with & flung him, but he is not much hurt. Major Cox of Baltimore Town is killed, and Col° Marbury is missing, a few subs: weare killed and several others wounded. Capt Cox further adds that our Loss is between 6 & 700 killed wounded and missing, that our army marched from their Camp last Wednesday.

The letter from Col° to General Mifflin confirms the account we received by several Ways before of the Enemies loss.

On the 5th we weare in Possession of fort Island, and on that Day the Enemy withdrew their force at Billingsport to reinforce Genl Howe. The Report of our retaking the Delaware was premature.

The Confederacy will be, I believe finished before Monday week. I will attend my Duty in the House of Delegates. Mr Rumsey came here a few Days ago, on Business, & promised to relieve Me when the Assembly should sit. I wish notice could be given to him of the Day of the Meeting of the Assembly.

I pray my respectful Compliments to the Gentlemen of The Council I wish you all Health & Happiness

Your Affectionate and
Obedient Servant
Saml Chase

C. B. Saturday 11 October 1777

Present as on yesterday except Mr Polk.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Ignatius

Craycraft six hundred and seventy three pounds seven shillings and eight pence balance due him for Cattle purchased for the State, by Order of Council. C. B.

Tuesday 14 October 1777.

Present as on Saturday Mr Rogers Attended.

Ordered That William Jacob deliver to Richd Murrow the Coarse Linen belonging to the Public heretofore put into his hands to make into Tents which he thinks is not proper for that purpose.

[Council to C. Birkhead.] C. C. 181

In Council Annapolis 14th Octr 1777.

Sir.

We are informed by Mr Thomas Dawson who commands the Guard over the Powder lodged near Talbot Court House, that about the Quantity of 1400 wt only now remains at that Place. As we are, from our not being intimately acquainted with the necessary Circumstances, unable to judge of the Expediency of continuing or discharging that Guard; we are to request that you will do the one or the other, as you may think the most eligible and proper. If you continue the Guard, the smaller it is better on account of the Expence.

We are Sir &ca

Christo Birkhead Esqr
Lt of Talbot County

[Smallwood to Gov. Johnson.] Original.

Camp Tomansin Township Octr 14th 1777.

Dear Sir,

The inclosed Extract from a Ltr. received this Day from Albany will inform you of the Success of our Arms to the Northward, the wretched situation the Royal Northern Army must be in will lower the Pride of the once pompous and boasting Burgoyne which must afford a sensible Pleasure to every honest American. our Affairs here do not wear an unfavorable Aspect the Enemy are raising Batterys Fortifications & falling Trees in their Front to obstruct our Armys advancing on them and many other Incidents strongly indicate their Apprehension of an Attack for which our Forces are anxious and prepared if they can be got at on equal Terms and if Fort Mifflin holds out as is expected Howe's situation must soon become as alarming and critical as ever Burgoyne's was his resources are now from Chester and that County which may easily be intercepted indeed had the Pensylvanians

c. c. had that degree of Spirit and Patriotism which I think woud have (on a similar occasion) been exerted in any other Government on the Continent his supplies must long since have been cut off. here is more Toryism I suggest than in all the states besides and perhaps less Fortitude than in any particular State in America our Gallies obliged 54 Soldiers & 2 officers who had landed on Province Island and were erecting a Battery ag^{t} the Fort to surrender on the 18th and the obstructions and our Force on the Delaware embarrass the Enemy much more than they expected from which shou'd the Fort hold out a shorter Time than may reasonably be expected the advancing Season must defeat their Design if not subject their Army to destruction

At length I have got the Militia in a more orderly and regular Train they seem somewhat better disposed and disciplined than I ever expected but their Time being near expiring the impression will make them lose sight of this and every other Object of their Duty. Capt Cox's & Baileys companys have obtained liberty to return they are entitled to this Indulgence from their situation (being mostly Tradesmen) having served their Time out faithfully these men and Murdocks Regiment have behaved better than any corps of Militia from Maryland and have had far less Desertion among them. Col^{o} Dorseys Reg^{t} evidently the worst corps in the Militia having only 28 men left from the Desertions wch have prevailed in it has also obtained leave to return & I coud have wished they had never stept forth the men from Elk Ridge and some other parts of Ann Arundel will shine more at an Election than in the Field their disorder & licentiousness under our present Regulations will ever render them contemptible in the Field. I have thought it most adviseable for these men to return Home with their Arms and Accoutrem^{ts} as its probable they will reach Home before many of the other classes turn out & I have no Place of security for them here. they set out to Day or Tomorrow morning & I have ab^{t} 296 Arms &c which have been left by Deserters many of them out of Order which I shall order back wth an Officer and a Detatchment taking his Receipt for them to be transmitted to you I have also inclosed Receipts for those which the men March with the Pensylvanians have already made application for these Arms to Genl Washington which I have absolutely refused to give up to their Militia & am obliged to put a Guard over them otherwise they might be seized therefore am induced to take the above step.

In much haste remain

Y^{rs} &^{c} &^{c}

W. Smallwood

NB. Your favor in forwarding the inclosed Ltr. to Mrs C. C. Clegatt will much oblige.
Governor Johnson

Wednesday 15th October 1777. C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That Francis Fairbrother let William Nevin have 50 lb Steel

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Stephen Yoe fifteen Pounds per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lancelot Jacques sixty two pounds thirteen Shillings for 22 fifty six's 1 fourteen and one seven pound weights purchased of him for the State.

That the said Treasurer Pay to James Maynard six pounds seven shillings and six pence to pay for two Reams of paper.

Thursday 16th October 1777.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John King six pounds eighteen shillings per Account passed.

Friday 17th October 1777.

Present as on Yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Annis seven Pounds per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Colo Samuel Hanson five hundred Pounds for the use of the Marching Militia from Saint Marys Charles and Calvert Counties to be accounted for.

Commission issued to William McCondree appointed second Lieut of Capt Robert Sinnetts Compy of Militia in Charles County.

Saturday 18 October 1777.

Present as on yesterday Col Lloyd attended.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Joseph Ford two hundred Pounds for recruiting to be charged to the first Maryland Regiment and to be accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut James Farnandes one hundred and eighty Dollars to pay six Recruits for the first Maryland Regiment thirty Dollars each allowed by the Act to reinforce the American Army.

C. C.
Original.

[Secretary Peters to Gov. Johnson.]

War Office, October 18, 1777

Sir: I am directed by the Board of War to represent to you the very low state of the article of Lead in the Continental Magazines, & the great risque and danger the Army will be exposed to, without the speediest supply of that article. It is painful to the Board to be reduced to the necessity of interfering with the private stock of any particular State, nor would any but the most urgent Demands with which they can not otherwise comply induce them to do it. I am therefore earnestly to request that you and the Council will consent to a Loan of what Lead belonging to your State, you think can be spared, & the Board assure you it shall be replaced out of the first importations on continental account. Should you comply with this request, you will be pleased to order Waggons to proceed with it to this place as soon as possible.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
your very hum. Servant

His Excell^y Gov. Johnson — Richard Peters, Se.

Original.

[Secretary Peters to Gov. Johnson.]

Sir: I have the Honour to enclose you an order on William Lux Esq. Continental Agent for one thousand stands of Arms in Part Return of the Number borrowed by Congress of your State. I am to assure you that the whole will be repaid as soon as the Continent can spare them. Please to send an Acknowledgm^t on Receipt of the Arms to the Board.

I have troubled you twice on the Subject of a Loan of Lead, & hope your Excellency has prevailed on the Government of the State to furnish what they can spare.

I have the Honour to be, with great Respect,
your very obed. Servt

His Excellency Gov. Johnson — Richard Peters, Sec^y

C. B.

Monday 20th October 1777.

Present as on Saturday except John Rogers Esqr

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Bullen two hundred and fifty pounds on Account

Tuesday 21 October 1777.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Berry one thousand and nineteen pounds seven shillings and

five pence half penny to be delivered over to George Wells due him per Account passed. C. B.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col° John Weems four hundred and eight pounds nine shillings and five pence due his Battalion per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Muir one hundred and three pounds three shillings and sixpence to be delivered over to Capt. Joseph Merriken due his Company per Acco^t passed.

Wednesday 22^d October 1777.

Present as on yesterday. Mr Polk attended.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Andrew Beall seven hundred and eighty pounds for sixty five Cattle.

That the said Treasurer pay to Gerrard Hopkins twenty nine pounds seven shillings and two pence, per Account passed

That the said Treasurer pay to Morris Job one hundred and eighty pounds to be delivered to Richard Bond of Cecil County on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to William Johnson sixty six pounds thirteen shillings and nine pence and the further sum of five pounds two shillings and six pence per Acco^ts passed

That the said Treasurer pay to Cornelius Garretson thirty eight pounds and six pence per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Major Stoddart four hundred pounds on Account of the marching Militia

Commissions issued to Henry Boarman app^d Capt Isaac Smoot Ensign Hezekiah Dent first Lieut of Capt Alex McPhersons Comp^y Thomas Andrew Dyson Brevet 2^d L^t of the Lower Batt. of Militia in Charles County.

[Council to H. Hollingsworth.] C. C. 182

In Council 22^d Octr 1777.

Sir

By this Opportunity, we have wrote pretty fully to Col° Rumsey and shall endeavour to furnish the two Classes of the Cecil Militia as far as we can, and to prevent Delay shall send the Arms &^ca to the Head of Elk. We do not believe it is in our Power to fit out more than two Classes of your Militia in any Manner, and, as the Assembly is now about Sitting, we do not think we can order out more, with Propriety. The Pay of the Militia we expect is drawn at Camp, but if not, on having the Pay Rolls transmitted, the Money shall be immediately sent. We are Sir &^ca

Col° Henry Hollingsworth.

C. C.
183

[Council to C. Rumsey.]

In Council 22d Octr 1777.

Sir.

We approve the Marching of the two first Classes of the Cecil Militia and your Preparation to march the third and fourth Classes and wish them to move as soon as possible. The Arms we sent with the Militia, were nearly all we had and if no great Number of them are left, will be sufficient for those who are now to march, but we understand General Smallwood as he discharges those who were out, has given them Orders to leave their Arms at Baltimore Town. We shall send up to see what are returned and in what Order they are and direct them, with what Tents we have, to be sent to the Head of Elk to your Care, we shall also order Cartridges sufficient to serve 'till the men can be fully supplied at Camp. If you will be pleased to send us a Recommendation of Officers, by Express, if no immediate convenient Opportunity; the Commissions shall be sent Time enough to overtake the Officers before they can need their Commissions.

Charles Rumsey Esqr
L^t of Cecil County

We are Sir &^ca

C. B.

Thursday 23d October 1777

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Harrison one hundred and eighty pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Benjamin Harwood one hundred and thirty seven pounds two shillings due his Comp^y whilst in actual Service per pay roll examined and passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Nicholas Maccubbin sixty eight pounds and eight pence due his Comp^y per pay roll examined & passed

That the said Treasurer pay to Cornelius Mills twenty one pounds due him as Adjutant to the Militia per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Snowden two hundred and thirty one pounds eight shillings and the further Sum of ninteen pounds twelve shillings and six pence per Acc^ts passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Goldsmith one hundred pounds to be accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt William Richardson one hundred and twenty eight pounds fourteen shillings due

his Company while in actual Service per pay roll examined and passed. C. B.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Stark ten pounds thirteen shillings and nine pence per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jacob Rahm thirty three pounds eight shillings and ten pence per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Peter Littig one hundred and sixty pounds fifteen shillings per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Messersmith one hundred and fifty nine pounds six shillings and ten pence per Acc^t passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Stephen Behon eighty six pounds ten shillings and nine pence per Acc^t passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to George P. Keeports thirty eight pounds three shillings and nine pence per Account passed.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Gordon forty five pounds sixteen shillings and nine pence. Three pounds ten shillings thirty two pounds ten shillings four hundred and ninteen pounds and nine pence, thirteen pounds fifteen shillings and ninty nine pounds four shillings and three pence for the use of Sundries per Acc^t passed

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt John Smith sixty eight pounds twelve shillings and two pence due his Company whilst in actual Service per Pay roll examined and passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jane Hewit eight pounds seven shillings and eleven pence and the further Sum of forty shillings per Accounts passed the Board.

Commissions issued to Simon Wickes appointed Capt. James Hackett first Lieut. John Hackett second Lieut John Whittington Ensign. George Findley Capt. Benjamin Elliott first Lieut. Valentine Devorix second Lieut. belonging to the fifth Batt of Militia in Queen Annes County.

William Smyth is appointed Surgeon to the 20th Battalion of Militia in Queen Annes County.

Commission issued to Barton Thorn appointed Ensign of Capt Alex McPhersons Company of Militia in Charles County he having left his former Commission at Home.

[Council to R. Wright.] C. C. 184

In Council Octr 23^d 1777.

Sir.

We have sent you, by your Serjeant, those of the Articles you want, and we have, with a List and the Prices; we much wish it was in our Power to have sent the other Articles, but

C. C. we have not got them, nor can procure them. Your enrolled Militia was, by express Resolution of Congress to have been paid by the Continent and to act with Col° Richardson's Battalion. We cannot think that, on having the Pay Rolls made up and certified by him, there will be any Difficulty in drawing the Pay: if there should, transmit us the Pay Rolls, and you shall immediately receive the Money. We are &ca

Capt Robert Wright

C. B. Friday 24th October 1777.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Robert John Smith one hundred and thirty three pounds per Acct passed.

C. C. [Council to J. Hollingsworth.]
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In Council 24th Octr 1777.

Sir

We shall be glad to have your Account settled & the Balance paid. We find that the Captains, by applying to you, get Articles which we would not allow, and, in many Instances, People who have Accounts with us, also apply to and get money of you, by which means we have not the Judgment and Control over the Public Money designed by the Legislature, and accounts may be twice paid, or those which would not pass, may get paid. Wherefore we request that you will not advance any Thing in future, on Account of the Public, without our particular Request, for we clearly see this Mode of conducting the Business will not do.

Mr Jesse Hollingsworth. We are &ca

186 [Council to C. Lowndes.]

In Council 24th Octr 1777.

Sir.

We write to Capt Coursey to wait on you himself and explain his Bill for Cordage, Belt wants his for a different Vessel, he says he wrote to you for a Ten inch Cable and half a Ton of small Cordage. I suppose he is mistaken, and that he wrote for the Ton, as you mention, tho' the Cable and half Ton only were wanted by him. We do not think we shall have Occasion for the ten Tons of Hemp, besides what you now have by you, though we possibly may and therefore we wish you to contract for it. If it should not be all immediately, or as soon as you work it up, wanted by the Public, it

will yet be a Public Advantage to have your People kept fully employed, and there's no Likelihood of any Loss from it. We will advance the Money for the Purchase, as you may desire it, and shall willingly settle and pay for what we have had, as soon as you please. The Price we presume will depend a good Deal on the Cost of the Materials and ought to be mentioned by you, we expect it will be as moderate as you can well afford. The Georgia Regiment have occasioned Complaints wherever they have went. A Representation of their Conduct has been laid before Congress, who have empowered the Governor to appoint Commissioners to hear Complaints against them and settle Damages, which are to be stopped at the Pay of the Regiment. We believe that your Waggon, when on such Business, will not again be taken, but there would be an Impropriety as we have no Power to grant particular Exemptions. We are &ca C. C.

Christr Lowndes Esqr

Saturday 25th October 1777. C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. James Belt one hundred pounds on Account.

Thursday 30th October 1777.

Pt as on Saturday except Mr Sim. Mr Rogers attended.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Doyle four Pounds per Account passed.

Ordered That George Murdock pay to John Balser five hundred pounds heretofore advanced him and that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Balser two hundred and forty five pounds seventeen shillings and six pence for fifty four Cattle purchased of him a £13 16 3 each.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Olliver Whiddon two pounds twelve shillings and six pence per Account passed.

Friday 31 October 1777.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Christopher Raberk one hundred and eleven pounds eighteen shillings and one penny per Account passed the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Stark Ten pounds Ten shillings per Account passed the Board.

C. B. That the said Treasurer pay to Erasmus Uhler one hundred and twenty two pounds, one shilling and six pence per Acco[t] passed

That the said Treasurer pay to John Cannon twelve pounds fourteen shillings and four pence per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Peter Keener sixty pounds twelve shillings and six pence per Acc[t] passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Philip Berry four pounds two shillings per Account passed the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Hepburn four pounds two shillings per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Walter Warfield Twenty three pounds per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jesse Hollingsworth one thousand six hundred and twenty nine pounds two shillings and nine pence balance of Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain Thomas Walker five hundred and seventeen pounds eight shillings and one penny per pay roll examined and passed by the Board of Acc[ts]

C. C. [M. Gist to Gov. Johnson.]

Camp at North Wales Township 31 Oct. 1777.

Sir

The late ungenerous behaviour of Colonel William Hopper on the Eastern shore, lays me under the Indispensable obligation to report his conduct to your Excellency, which through regard to his connexions and reputation I have hitherto declin'd

Colonel Hopper attended the Brigade under my command, on our march to German Town on the night of the 3[d] Instant. On the morning of the 4th the Enemys Picket began a Scattering fire in front of our Collumn when the Colonel was immediately attackd with some qualms of sickness that oblig'd him to leave his Regiment and retreat to Maryland.

As Mankind cannot be answerable at all times for the weakness and frailty of the Human Heart, his feelings demanded more pitty than Resentment, which led me to conceal his Errors untill I had the pleasure of waiting on you in person: I am credibly Informd that he reported on his way down & in his neighbourhood at home, that the Maryland Militia was posted in front and was entirely cut off; this with other absurditys propogated by him to the prejudice of the Army has had its tendency to prevent the second Class of Militia from turning out so generally as they otherwise would have done. Colo. Matthew Driver with many other of his neigh-

bours can furnish you with a particular Account of his Conduct and its effects since his return. C. C.

I have the Honor to be, Sir,
Y^r mo. Hum. Servt
M. Gist

Saturday 1st November 1777 C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

John Bullen Esquire is appointed Commissary of Stores for this State in the room of Charles Wallace Howard who has resigned

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay Daniel Hughs two hundred and thirty nine pounds seventeen shillings and six pence amount of Account passed and also the further Sum of five hundred pounds on Account of the Prisoners under his care in Washington County.

Ordered That Daniel Hughs Esqr Lieut of Washington County may remove any of the Prisoners of War under his care in Sharpsburgh from that place to any other part of Washington County which he may think more convenient and proper for their residence, and that the said Daniel Hughes may also inlist a proper Guard upon the Continental pay merely for the purpose of Safe Keeping the s^d Prisoners

[W. Smith to Gov. Johnson.] C. C. Original.

York Town Novem^r 1, 1777.

Sir

I did myself the honor about Two days past, to inclose you a coppy of the capitulation signed by Lt Genl Burgoine the 16th Ult. at Saratoga since wch nothing material has occured.

By a letter from Col. Hartley dated Head quarters, the 30th October he says Genl Ld Cornwallis had crossed the Delaware at Coopers ferry at the head of 4000 men, Supposed with design to make a second attack on red bank & from thence, on Fort Mifflin, but on holding a Council of War, he thought proper to return to the Citty without making any attack.

Inclosed you have a resolution of Congress, which I am directed to forward. I am with respect & esteem

Your Excellencys
M^o ob^t hble Servt
W. Smith

C. B.

Monday 3 November 1777.

Present J. Sim, E. Lloyd J. Polk, T. S. Lee and John Rogers Esq[rs]

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Wynn two hundred and fifty pounds agreeable to his and Abraham Coxe's Bond to Erect Salt Works. That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Sappington eighteen pounds five shillings for going Express to Phil[a]

That the said Treasurer pay to James May Ninty four pounds twelve shillings on Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Tidar Burger forty six pounds fifteen shillings and three pence and the further sum of two pounds ten shillings and six Pence per Accounts passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Cox eleven pounds due to him and twelve pounds ten shillings due to David Hampton for Waggoning per Accounts passed.

Tuesday 4th November 1777.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Singleton fifteen Pounds an Express from the Governor of Virginia to Gen[l] Washington to hire Horses to be charged to the State of Virginia.

Ordered, That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Reed three pounds for furnishing Horses to the above Express to be charged as before.

That the said Treasurer pay to Dennis Larkin twenty four pounds per Account passed.

The General Assembly thinking it proper to remove the Loan Office and Treasury again to Annapolis, Ordered that the Money, Books, Papers and other things be removed under the care of the respective Officers to Annapolis and be deposited in the Offices in which they were heretofore kept.

Wednesday 5th November 1777.

Present as on yesterday.

Ezekiel Forman Esq[r] is appointed Paymaster to the Eastern shore Marching Militia and the Militia of that Shore who have been in actual Service from Talbot to Cecil County inclusive on the late Invasion.

Ordered That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Ezekiel Forman four thousand pounds on Account and to be applied towards payment of the above Eastern shore Militia.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Cox one thousand pounds for the use of Norton and Beall as per their Letter of advice of the 16th Day of October last to be charged to their Account. C. B.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Wilkins three hundred pounds on account of the Fortifications at Annapolis.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Wilmoth fifty seven pounds amount of Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Adams nine pounds amount of Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Proctor forty four pounds eighteen shillings amount of Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Doct. Charles Wiesenthal thirty five pounds twelve shillings and six pence for oil purchased by him for the State.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores at Annapolis deliver one hundred and fifty yards Cotton for the Ship Defence.

John Gerrock of Baltimore Town is appointed Quarter Master to the State Hospital in said Town instead of John Hart present Qr Master thereof.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Colo John Moale five hundred and twenty six pounds four shillings and two pence due his Regiment whilst in actual Service per Acct passed

[W. Smallwood to Council.] C. C. Original.

A Gentleman just from the British Fleet informs that Daniel Heath is now on board the Fleet and has supplied it with a Number of Cattle and offers with 500 Men to defeat 300 Militia Rebels which wou'd enable him to draw from the Eastern Shore 10,000 head of Cattle the Gentleman had his information from James Frisby who is also on board the Fleet and told the Gentleman, that he hoped and did not doubt but he shou'd soon have it in his Power to call Mr Paca to account for his rebellious proceedings in endeavouring to force him out with the Militia. Frisby also informed that Heath had invited his neighbours to drive their Cattle into his pastures for Protection and that Heath had sold them to the Fleet and had got for them a very large bagg of Gold. Frisby reviles Colo Loyed as a Rebel and said he was a dam'd Villanous Rascall. A young Gentleman of the Name of Tilghman has entered as a Midshipman on board the Eagle or non such. a Mr Sluby from Chester Town but last from England is now with the Fleet.

A Certain Mr Atkinson who was formerly arrained for Disaffection and raising men for the King before the Convention

C C. of Maryland has lately in a secret manner departed to Somerset County the Place of his former Residence is supposed to have counterfeit money and to have gone down for some secret and invidious purpose. Robert Alexander is still on board the Fleet.

N. B. The Gentleman who gives the above Information has just come from the Fleet on his Parole in order to be exchanged for a British Officer the Exchange not yet being effected I am not at large to mention his Name but believe his information may be depended on

5 Novr 1777. W Smallwood

C. B. Thursday 6 November 1777.

Present as on yesterday.

Josiah Cathel of Capt. Browns Company of Matrosses having procured two men to inlist into the said Company under Captain Brown's promise to endeavor to procure his discharge on his so doing. He is therefore discharged from further Service.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Rogers one hundred pounds for so much advanced Lieut Francis Ware of Charles County, and to be charged to Lt F. Ware.

C. C. [Gov. Johnson to Delegates.]
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Gentlemen of the House of Delegates.

Soon after the Enemy's Fleet passed by Annapolis and before it was discovered whether Philadelphia was the Object, or that the Intention, as many supposed, was to cut off the Eastern from the Western Shore I received a Letter from the Honb^l William Paca Esqr who happened then to be at Chester Town, advising me of the Disposition of the People on that Shore to exert themselves in their Defence, of their want of Money and many other Things, and requesting what Assistance the Government could possibly give, and that Things might be conducted with the more Regularity and, consequently, with the better Effect, desiring blank Commissions might be sent over to be filled up with the Advice of the County Lieutenants and principal Gentlemen. I received the Letter about twelve °Clock at night and dispatched the Boat time enough to cross the Bay before Morning and, under an Impression that no regular Intercourse could be kept up between the two shores, I sent what Things I could which were immediately necessary. The blank Commissions and my Request to the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore, to advance,

out of the Public Money, what might be necessary with the Approbation and Allowance of the Honble Matthew Tilghman, Robert Goldsborough and William Paca Esquires or either of them and afterwards the like Request was made in Council under which, I am informed, considerable Sums of Money have been advanced by the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore and, I hope, have been properly applied. I have mentioned these Circumstances which, I flatter myself, will satisfactorily account to you for the apparent Irregularity, which was altogether owing to the then situation of our Affairs. C. C.

The House of Delegates
6th Novr 1777.

T. J.

Friday 7 November 1777. C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Pardons issued to Levy Smith convicted for Robery and negro Holliday for Horse Stealing

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Col^o Thomas Gist one hundred and eighty nine pounds three shillings and three Pence due his Regiment per Account passed the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to Nicholas Lewis Sewall three pounds ten shillings Amo^t of Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Elijah Merryman eighteen pounds ten shillings due Capt. Lemmons Company p Acc^t

Sundry Articles returned by Mr John Smoot from the Gun Manufactory in Worcester County per List returned and left with the Board of Accounts which are this Day sold to Mr Thomas Smoot at such price as shall be put upon them by a Messrs Joseph Richardson and James Sullivan.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. William Brown two hundred and fifty one pounds thirteen shillings and nine pence per Acc^t pass^d

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt George Cooke twelve hundred and twenty one pounds two shillings and four pence half penny per Acc^t

[Gist to Gov. Johnson.] C. C. Original.

Camp at White Marsh Nov. 7th 1777

Sir

I wrote you a few days ago with a report of Colonel Hoppers conduct; since which I have discharg'd the rem^g part of the first Classes of such Militia who continued with me the time limitted by the Assembly of Maryland whose names are

C. C. Inserted at the bottom of their discharges, General Smallwood & myself were under the necessity of Adopting this method in order to distinguish the number of deserters and prevent the many Impositions frequently practised in the returns of Pay Rolls &ca

All the Troop of Light Horse belonging to my Brigade except the Captain and four privates went off without proper discharges on their entering the service their Horses were Valued and in case of loss the continent became accountable for their Value, you can therefore regulate their pay accordingly, the Assistant Quarter Master Mr Clarke & the Waggon Master Mr Black were sent on duty, and have not since returned. I should be glad their pay could be withheld, untill they procured certificates of their time & discharge.

Mr Voorhees while acting out of the state is only entitled to Brigade Quarter Masters pay and had his Appointment as such only; the Staff Officers in this Army have the Appointment of their deputies & assistants. Mr Woods recommendation came too late for him to act in that departmt he Informs me that he has purchas'd ꝑ order of Mr Voorhees several Thousand Bushels of Indian Corn @ 6/ @ 7/6 ꝑ Bushl

If this Article is wanted for the Army or the State of Maryland, I am Inclined to believe it may be procured at a much lower rate. They have to refer you to Major Letherbery for further particulars and am with much respect Sir

Your Mo Humble Servt
M. Gist.

C. B. Saturday 8th November 1777.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Captain Walker one hundred pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Sim Lee Ninty nine pounds for attendance in Council.

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Sim thirty four pounds seven Shillings and six pence for attendance in Council.

That the said Treasurer pay to Shaw and Chisholm two pounds two shillings and eight pence per Acct passed

That the said Treasurer pay to John Shaw two hundred and fifty four pounds eleven shillings and three pence due per Acct passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to David Evans forty five pounds twelve shillings per Account passed, and the further Sum of one hundred and twenty nine pounds fifteen shillings for the use of Matthew Patton due him per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Edward Timmons one pound one shilling, thirteen shillings and six pence, four pounds six shillings and three pence due per Accounts passed and the further Sum of four pounds for a Musquet and Bayonet bought of him for the Public by John Shaws receipt. C. B.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut William Judah four hundred and fifty nine pounds fourteen shillings and six per Acc^t passed. so ends the Proceeding of this Council Anno Domini 1777.

Test T Johnson Junr Cl Co^l

[Smallwood to Gov. Johnson.] C. C. Original.

Camp White Marsh Novemb^r 8th 1777.

Dear Sir.

I have inclosed you Returns off, and Rect^s for such Arms Accoutrements Camp Equipage &c, as were in possession of all the Regiments of the Western Shore Brigade of Militia (except Col^o Dorseys which were before transmitted) at the Time of their respective Discharges, & Rec^ts from Officers detatched to take charge of such Arms & Accoutrements &c as have been left by Deserters, and lodged at several Stages, in order that they might be secured and Returned to the State; I have directed Col^o Gist to observe a similar conduct respecting the Eastern Shore Brigade. have also inclosed the charge against James Hall the Prisoner with £27 3 0 Jersey Acc^ts which I take to be conterfeit together with Intelligence relative to the conduct of some of our Country men on Board the British Fleet, which I received from a Gentleman immediately from thence.

Having now but 400 Militia from both Shores, I joined my Regular Brigade the other Day. their ragged situation, the approching season, & the improbality of procuring supplies of Cloathing, produced sensations that must affect any Person of Humanity, this led me to address Genl Washington on the Subject, who must feel much for the Distress which generally prevails in the Army for want of Blankets & Cloathing & must also be very sensible of the check and Abatement in the Progress of our Military Operations from this Circumstance; he refers me to you, has wrote himself and detatched Lt Col^o P. Adams for this purpose with a Supply of Cash & Instructions to purchase from Private Families all he possibly can—being conscious your Countenance and Aid on this Occasion will not be wanting, I have inclosed a general Return of such Articles as are wanted in the several Maryland Con^t Regiments, and am rendering a similar one to the Delaware State, that their Regiment now under my Command may also be

C. C. supplied. Stokings are most wanted, & I fear will be most difficult to procure, which induces me to recommend (if they can't be had) Woolen Overhalls with Socks, these for Winter, and Linnen for Summer provided the Soldiery coud have two pair, I have ever thought a good Substitute for Breeches and Stokings, indeed in most Instances they are preferable for Soldiers. The Troops in general are bare, but the two Maryland Brigades are more so perhaps than any in the Army, their Suffering arises from the want of Gen[l] Officers at their Head, to provide and draw their Proportions of public Stores, without a strict attention to this, the Cloathing often fall into a partial distribution, notwithstanding general Orders to the contrary. my Removal & Debow's incapacity and Inattention, may account for this Distress, & may serve to revive an old maxim, that every Government is best served by its own Natives, this Observation our Countrymen have not sufficiently adverted to, nor will they I am afraid, till fatal Experience has verified it in more Instances. I refer you to Col[o] Adams respecting our Military operations. Nothing has occurred worthy of Recital, since the fortunate Events of Burgoyne's Surrender, the Repulse at red Bank, and the destruction of two of the Enemys Ships off Fort Mifflin.

Howes situation is critical, he might soon be reduced to Burgoynes Fate, cou'd a small Effort of that boasted Valour, public Spirit & Patriotism, (which were so conspicuous in the mouth of every man at the commencement of this contest) be exerted, but Professions are made, and Wars carried on, with more facility in a warm Room, than in the Field. Amidst all this boasted Patriotism the burthen has & must hang on a handful of worn out worried continentals.

I remain with much Esteem

Y[rs] Sincerely

W Smallwood

Cap[t] Craig wth his Troops has just brought in 7 British Dragoons & 7 foot Soldiers wth their Horses Arms and instruments taken by the Enemy's Lines to Day 35 large Transports with 2000 Men New York on the 7th Inst. supposed to be destined up the Delaware.

JOURNAL AND CORRESPONDENCE

OF THE

COUNCIL OF MARYLAND.

1777–1778.

On the second Monday of November 1777 being the 10th C. B.
Day of the same month the General Assembly of Maryland, agreeable to the Constitution and form of Government, proceeded to the Choice of a Governor, when Thomas Johnson Esquire was unanimously rechosen. His Excellency qualified the next Day in Presence of both Houses by taking the several Oaths required.

On the Day following being the 11th Day of November the Senate & House of Delegates proceeded to the Choice of the Council to the Governor & rechose Thomas Sim Lee, Joseph Sim, Edward Lloyd, John Rogers & Josiah Polk Esqrs

Wednesday 12 November 1777.

Mr Kent from the House of Delegates delivers to the Governor certain Resolutions of the General Assembly empowering the Governor and the Council to reduce the five Companies of Matrosses into three and to order two of said companies to march to General Washingtons Camp also to raise a new Company.

Wednesday 19th November 1777.

Thomas Sim Lee and Edward Lloyd Esquires attended and were qualified by subscribing the Declaration and taking the several Oaths required before Allen Quynn a Justice of the Peace for Ann Arundel County as per Certificate filed.

Thursday 20th November 1777.

Present His Excellency Thomas Johnson Esquire, and
The Honble. Thomas Sim Lee and
Edward Lloyd Esquires.

Mr Kent from the House of Delegates delivers to the Governor the following Resolve

By the House of Delegates, Nov. 20. 1777
Resolved That the Governor be empowered to Draw on

C. B. either of the Treasurers for money for the public Service until a sufficient number of the Council be qualified

By order G Duvall Cl H. D.

which said Resolve was thus indorsed,

By the Senate November 20. 1777.
Read and assented to By order A C Hanson Cl Sen.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Abraham Faw one thousand pounds to be applied towards erecting Barracks in Frederick and to be charged to him on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Elam Bailey two hundred and fifty one pounds fourteen shillings and six pence due on Account including the pay roll of his marching Militia passed by the Board.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Nicholas White nine pounds ten shillings Amount of Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to John McClallen three hundred and forty two pounds seventeen shillings and six pence for the use of the Company of Marching Militia lately commanded by Capt Cox due to that Company per pay roll passed by the Board of Accounts.

That the said Treasurer pay to Andrew Grebble fifty six pounds five shillings due on Account passed the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Beriah Maybury one hundred pounds to expend in necessaries for the use of the Hospital.

That the said Treasurer pay to Maj. Nathaniel Smith four hundred and ninty five pounds to be applied in inlisting 66 of the Baltimore Matrosses into the Continental Service.

That the said Treasurer pay to Maj. Nathaniel Smith two hundred pounds to be delivered to William Judah to be expended in the subsistance of the Baltimore Matrosses and charged for that purpose to his Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Maj John Fulford seven hundred and five pounds to be expended in the Bounty of 20 Dollars to each of 94 of the Annapolis Matrosses on their Inlistment into the Continental Army.

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Coward thirty seven pounds fifteen shillings and five pence per Account passed the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John David five hundred and forty four pounds sixteen shillings and six pence due to the Crew of the Galley Conqueror passed the Board of Accounts.

That the said Treasurer pay to John McClallen fifty six

pounds twelve shillings and six pence for retained Rations &c. C. B.
due to the Company of Militia lately commanded by Capt. Cox Amount of Account signed by the Dep. Commissary of Issues and approved by the House of Delegates.

That the said Treasurer pay to Nich^s White two hundred & fifty pounds on Acco^t advanced him on his Contract to make Arms.

Nicholas White agrees with the Governor and Council to make and compleatly finish two hundred Stand of Arms in a Workmanlike manner at the rate of Fifty shillings currency for each Stand the Governor and Council supplying the said Nicholas White with Barrels Locks, Bayonets, Mounting, steel for Rammers and Iron for Britching, at the rate of Forty eight stand per month till the Delivery of the whole number contracted for and have also advanced two hundred and fifty Pounds part of the Price on giving Bond with good Security to comply with this Contract.

Maj^r Nat. Smith, You are to inlist 66 of the Matrosses in Baltimore including non commissioned Officers, into the Continental Service agreeable to the Resolution of the General Assembly paying them twenty Dollars each the Continental Bounty.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Thomas Walker two hundred and thirteen Pounds ten Shillings and nine pence per Account passed the Board

That the said Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn Twenty two Pounds, Ten shillings Amount of Account passed the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn five Pounds three shillings and six pence for the use of Thomas Snowden per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Allen Quynn Thirty Pounds for the use of William Whetcroft due him per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Matthews twenty eight Pounds seventeen shillings and six pence to pay for 33 Gallons of Whiskey bought by him for the Galley Independence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Matthews four hundred and twenty nine Pounds, nine shillings and Ten pence due on Account including the Pay roll of the Galley Independence passed by the Board of Accounts.

[Gov. Johnson to D. Crawford.] C. C.
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Annapolis 20th Novr 1777.

Sir.

The Accounts which we have from Camp of the distressed situation of our Troops for want of Cloathing, are very alarm-

C. C. ing. I hear there are some Goods at Alexandria and I know of no Body in the Public Service who I can, with Propriety, send to make a Purchase. Supposing you have Time and not doubting your Inclination to serve the Public, I beg the Favour of you to go to Alexandria and, if you can, purchase coarse Woollens sufficient for 1000 Suits of Cloaths, any Number of Blanketts, 1000 Pair of Shoes & Stockings and Hats. It is impossible to say what will be the greatest Price of the Cloth or Blanketts; if to be had, do not be over nice about the Price, the Hats too, stand in the same Predicament. For good Shoes and warm Country Stockings, I would have you go as far as 27/6 per Pair our Money. If you get any Thing, pray have it sent forward immediately to me; the Money shall be sent to Alexandria as soon as I know the Sum.

David Crawford Esqr I am &^ca^

C. B. Friday 21 November 1777.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Ensign Thomas Gordon Cloathing for three men and charged to the 3^d^ Regiment.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Gordon Sixty Dollars to be charged to the third Regiment.

That the said Treasurer pay to David Grove fourteen pounds per Acc^t^ passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Charles Grahame seven hundred and Fifty pounds to be charged to Stephen Steward on Account.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Rogers one hundred and sixty six Pounds seven shillings and six pence for 121 Days attendance in Council including 7 Days before a sufficient number of members met to make a Council.

That the said Treasurer pay to Benjamin Mackall fifty Pounds for 10 Muskets and Cartouch Boxes purchased by him for the use of the State per Acc^t^ passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Benjamin King Forty two pounds one shilling and Ten Pence due to him per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson Junr Eighty three Pounds, Six shillings and Eight Pence due to him for five months Service as Clerk to the Council due the 20 Instant.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col^o^ Francis Ware forty six Pounds eighteen shillings and eight Pence due him on Account passed the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to Joshua Mitchell Eight C. B
Pounds per Acc^t passed

That the said Treasurer pay to Mary Pricely Thirty shillings Balance of Account passed by the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Furnival two hundred Pounds to be delivered over to John Gerock on Account to be expended for the use of the Hospital in Baltimore Town.

That the said Treasurer pay to Benjamin Fairbain forty Pounds, Ten Shillings as per Account passed the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to Christopher Edelin Twenty one Pounds four shillings to be paid over to Henry Stonestreet per Acc^t passed the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to Christopher Edelin fourteen Pounds Ten shillings and Three Pence to be delivered over to sundry Persons per Accounts passed by the Board of Accounts

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Crabb six Pounds, five Shillings for the use of James Harbin and also the further Sum of Eight Pounds for the use of Thomas Snowden due to them for Waggoning per Accounts passed by the Board of Accounts.

That the said Treasurer pay to George Tryall Twenty five Pounds thirteen shillings and three pence per Account passed

That the said Treasurer pay to Daniel Scott forty four Pounds six shillings & two pence due his Comp^y of Mil^a whilst in actual Service as per Acc^t passed.

Saturday 22^d November 1777

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Elizabeth Maw seven Pounds, Ten Shillings amount of Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Ashmead Sixty four Pounds five shillings and Eight pence as per Account passed, and the further Sum of Thirteen Pounds, five Shillings and eight pence for the use of John Firkinger per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col^o John Stull two hundred Pounds for Money advanced by him on Account of the Prisoners in Washington, the Governor having given an Order the 12 November and is this Day approved off.

That the said Treasurer pay to Alexander Burrell Eighteen pounds five shillings due him on Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Bordley Lieut of Kent County one hundred and Thirty Pounds ninteen Shillings and three Pence for the use of Robert Blake, Twelve Pounds, fifteen shillings, for the use of David Boyd Thirteen

C. B. Pounds, seventeen Shillings and six pence for the use of John Sturgis and Three pounds for the use of Thomas Vandycke due to them per Accounts passed

That the said Treasurer pay to Brittingham Dickeson Ninty Pounds ten shillings as per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Ignatius Fenwick one hundred pounds to Ship hands &ca for the Lydia to be charged in Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Brittingham Dickeson forty nine Pounds Ten Shillings as per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Pitt five pounds seven Shillings and six pence due to him on his own Account and seven Pounds, eleven Shillings & nine pence due to William Jones on Account & for which he has Jones's order per Acct passed.

That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to John Chalmers two hundred & thirty pounds, fourteen shillings due to the Guard at Cambridge per Acct passed.

Daniel Bryan appointed and Commissioned first Lieutenant of the Galley Independence, he having been appointed & served from the 1st of August, and John Hynson appointed second Lieut. of the said Galley and served from the 3d of October.

C. C. 2

[Council to Capt. Cook.]

Annapolis 22d Novr 1777.

Capt. Cook.

By the General Orders of this Day, the three Galley's Conqueror, Baltimore and Independence are to be under your Command as chief or Principal Officer, and you are to proceed with them to the sound between the Islands and the Main, of the Eastern Shore and there check, or distress the Enemy, all you can. If you think it may be done with Success or without hazarding too much, you are to attack the Enemy's main Force in the sound, but in this or any other Matter of Consequence, you are to have a Meeting of your principal Officers and advise with them and to have Regard to their Advice, for, though it is expected that a ready and chearful Obedience will be paid to your Orders, yet, in Things of Consequence, when Time and Opportunity favours, the Advice of the Officers ought to be had and attended to. When the Service no longer requires your Stay, you will proceed back with the Conqueror and Independence, leaving the Baltimore as a Guard below, but no Hands are to be left in her but those who properly belong to her. If the British Ships change their Station to any other Place within this

State, you are to go with the three Gallies, into their Neighbourhood and choose the best situation you can for the Safety of the Gallies and to cut off the Tenders. If you find any Persons carrying on a Correspondence with the Enemy, secure such and their Vessels if you can, and assist the Operations of the Militia all in your Power, against the Enemy, or in securing those who may be suspected of corresponding with the Enemy. Contrive my Letter to Col° Dashiell and, if the Arms I have wrote to him about, can be got ready, you will put Part into each Galley and bring them to Annapolis. Particular Care, especially to keep them Dry, must be taken of them. They are packed in 40 Boxes. Advise of your Situation by every Opportunity and, if your Stay should be any Time and no Opportunity offers send an Express. C. C.

We are &ca

[Council to Capt. Cook.]

Annapolis 22d Novr 1777.

General Orders.

The Row Gallies Conqueror, Baltimore & Independence, under the Command of Capt Cook, of the Defence, are to proceed from hence to the Sound on the Eastern Shore and there act in Concert against the Enemy now infesting those Parts of the State. If the Enemy removes from thence, the Conqueror and Independence are to return to Annapolis, and the Baltimore is to continue there for the Safeguard and Protection of that Part of the State, 'til further Orders.

All Officers to bear Rank and Command according to their Commissions and their Dates or the Times noted thereon of their coming into the Service of the State.

Nothing being so essential to the Success of an Enterprize and the Safety of the whole, as a due and ready Obedience to Command, it is expected that every Officer will be careful in that Particular, and if it should happen that any Difficulty should arise about Rank, it must not grow into a Difference, as all Pretensions will be heard with Patience and decided with Justice.

Capt George Cook.

Monday 24th November 1777. C. B.

Present as on Saturday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Doctr Henry Snebely nineteen pounds three shillings and four pence for the use of sundry persons amount of Accounts

C. B. passed the Board the 10th Instant, and also the further Sum of one hundred and three pounds seventeen shillings due him per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Ruth one pound Ten shillings and the further Sum of one Pound due him per Accounts passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Howard Sixty five Pounds fourteen Shillings due to him per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Muir two Pounds seventeen shillings for the use of William Farris due him per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to John King four Pounds Eighteen Shillings due him per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Colo Robert Tyler Sixteen Pounds fifteen shillings due him per Account passed.

Tuesday 25th November 1777.

Present as on yesterday.

Joseph Sim, John Rogers, and Josiah Polk Esquires who had been elected of the Council to the Governor, having declined qualifying as members, the General Assembly proceeded to the choice of three members in their stead, when James Brice, William Hemsley and Daniel Carroll Esquires were elected by the joint Ballot of both Houses.

James Brice Esquire elected a member of the Council attended, and qualified by subscribing a Declaration of his Belief in the Christian Religion and taking the several Oaths required.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to William Wheatly Twenty seven Pounds ten shillings for the use of George Murphey due to him per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Goldsmith Thirty seven Pounds, two Shillings and Nine Pence due to him per Acct passed the Board of Accounts.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Isaac Griest Fifty seven Pounds, seven shillings and six pence for the use of George James Amt of Acct passed Twenty one pounds nine shillings and four pence for the use of Henry Root, John Taylor and Philip Materson due them per Accounts passed and the further Sum of Three hundred and Twenty pounds, Thirteen shillings for the use of Sundries for Waggoning per Accounts and Certificates passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. John Kelty one hundred and forty one pounds, six shillings due him per Account passed.

[Secretary Peters to Gov. Johnson.] C. C. Original.

(Circular) War Office, November 25, 1777

Sir: I am directed to request you forthwith to transmit to the Board of War, the several Acts of Assembly or Ordinances of your State for the Regulation of your Militia, and that you will send from time to time any new Regulations on this subject. I am to entreat your immediate compliance with this request, and also that you will therewith send a List of the Officers appointed by your State in the Continental Army with their respective Ranks and Dates of Commission agreeable to a former Letter from the Board. As a new Department is establish'd by Congress for the regulation of the Army, it is hoped you will render them every assistance in their business, and particularly in the articles herein required.

I have the honor to be, with the greatest respect,

Your very obt Servant

Richard Peters Sect.

His Excelly Tho. Johnson
Gov. State of Maryland

Wednesday 26 November 1777. C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Colo Richard Barnes, Three hundred and thirty four pounds and Eight pence due per Account passed.

That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to William Webb Haddaway Two hundred and fifty pounds, for erecting Salt Works in Talbot County, he having given Bond with John Gibson security, dated the 25th Inst.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Elisha Williams nineteen Pounds Ten shillings to be delivered over to Daniel McDade amount of Account passed.

Thursday 27 November 1777.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Timothy Macnemarra Fifty nine pounds four shillings and two pence due to his Company whilst in actual Service per pay roll Examined and passed by the Board.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to William Heath twenty seven pounds thirteen shillings and two pence to be delivered to Capt John Gray due to his Company of Militia per pay roll examined and passed by the Board of Accounts

C. B. That the said Treasurer pay to John Green four Pounds, seven Shillings amount of Account passed the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Scott six pounds Per Acc^t passed the Board.

Mr John Brice from the House of Delegates deliver to the Council several Resolutions of the General Assembly relating to the Treasury.

Thursday 27 November 1777.

P^t as on yest^y

John Allen Thomas	for	Saint Mary's County
Daniel Jenifer		Charles
Joseph Wilkinson		Calvert
David Craufurd		Prince Georges
James Tootle		Ann Arundel
William Deakins		Montgomery
Abraham Faw		Frederick
James Calhoun		Baltimore
Richard Dallam		Harford
Richard Davis		Washington
Joseph Gilpin		Cecil
Ezekiel Forman		Kent
Arthur Emory		Queen Anns
James Hindman		Talbot
William Wheatley		Caroline
John Ennalls		Dorchester
George Dashiell		Somerset and
Joseph Dashiell		Worcester

are appointed Collectors of Cloathing agreeable to the Act of the present Session of Assembly, intitled "An Act to procure Cloathing for the Quota of this State of the American Army."

All Goods collected in Saint Mary's, Charles, Calvert, Prince Georges, and Ann Arundel Counties to be delivered at the City of Annapolis.

Montgomery, Frederick and Washington Counties at Frederick Town.

Baltimore and Harford Counties at Baltimore Town. Cecil County at the Head of Elk. Kent, Queen Ann's and Talbot Counties at Chester Town. Caroline, Dorchester, Somerset and Worcester Counties at Cambridge.

Prices to be given by the Purchasers of Cloathing are limitted by the Governor and Council not to exceed

For a Blanket £3 a p^r of Shoes 30/ a p^r of Stockings 30/. a Hatt 30/. coarse woollens payd fit for Soldiers Coats Jackets or Breeches ¾ wide 50/. and so according to

the width, Trimings & linings in proportion. Linen fit for Soldiers Shirts per yd 16/. C. B.

[Council to Ennalls.] C. C. 3

In Council Annapolis 27th Novr 1777.

Sir.

We are informed by Lt Colo Adams, that one Roach, who lives at or near Vienna, and is now at large in those Parts, has been in the Enemy's Service acting on Board a Tender and was taken on Board Capt Byas's Boat with several others, when she was retaken. We have no Oath before us, as to the Truth of the Report, or we should send for Roach, but it is highly proper his Conduct should be enquired into and, if culpable in the Manner represented, that he should be prosecuted. We therefore request you will send for Byas and take such other Measures as may be necessary to investigate this Matter. Your own Prudence will make it unnecessary to observe that your Enquiry should be as private as possible, that Roach may not hear you are taking Measures against him 'til your Warrant is executed, if you should think proper to issue one.

We are Sir &ca

William Ennals Esqr
Dorchester County

Friday 28 November 1777. C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Daniel Carroll Esquire elected member of the Council attended and qualified by subscribing a Declaration of his Belief in the Christian Religion and taking the several Oaths required.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to William Lux sixteen hundred and eight pounds sixteen shillings and eleven pence due Lux and Bowley Balance of Account passed the Board of Accounts.

That the said Treasurer pay to Nicholas Berry Thirty seven pounds nineteen shillings for the use of Doctr Hall per Account passed the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Beriah Maybury two hundred and six pounds, sixteen shillings and six pence Balance of Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Rose forty five pounds due to Burrell and Rose per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to George Wells Forty two Pounds, seventeen shillings and two pence and also the

C. B. further Sum of Forty Pounds fourteen Shillings Amount of Accounts passed the Board of Accounts.

Commission issued to William Selby appointed Sheriff of Worcester County in the room of Philip Quinton resigned.

C. C. 4

[Council to Thomas Todd.]

In Council 28th Novr 1777.

Sir

As we understand you do not intend to hold your Commission of Lieut in the Matrosses longer than the third Day of next Month, we think it proper to notify to you that you are not to consider yourself as an Officer, after your Receipt of this, for it can answer no Purpose to serve for a few Days only, and we shall take the first Opportunity we have, to appoint an Officer to our Satisfaction. We are Sir &ca

Lieut Thos Todd.

C. B.

Saturday 29 November 1777.

Present as on yesterday except Col Lloyd.

Mr Maxwell from the House of Delegates delivers to the Council the following Resolve.

In the House of Delegates November 29, 1777.

On reading and considering the Report of the Committee on the memorial of Robert Anderson, Resolved That the Governor and the Council be empowered to appoint a discreet Person or Persons to enquire into the State of the Sails at the Time of the Seizure, and the Damage done to them thereby; and that upon an Estimate returned from the Persons appointed as aforesaid, the Governor and the Council draw upon either of the Treasurers for such Sum of money as may be necessary to make Compensation for the Damage sustained.

By order G Duvall Cl Ho. Del.

which said Resolve was thus endorsed. By the Senate Novr 29, 1777. Read and assented to By order A C Hanson Cl. Sen.

Commission issued to John Dennis, John Selby, Nehemiah Holland, Ebenezer Handy, Thomas Purnell Sinepuxent, William Hopewell, James Selby, Joshua Townsend, Nathl Miller, John Purnell Robins, James Postley, Josiah Mitchell, John Pur-

nell, John Paramore, Benjamin Purnell son Walter, William Handy son Sam[l] John Pope Mitchell, Isaac Layfield, James Townsend and William Stephenson appointed Justices of the Peace for Worcester County, also to John Dennis, John Selby, Nehemiah Holland, Ebenezer Handy and John Purnell Robins appointed Justices of the Orphans Court for Worcester County. also to Francis Deakin appointed Surveyor of Montgomery County in the Room of W[m] Baily J[r] resigned. also to Richard Dallam appointed Lieutenant of Harford County in the room of Aquila Hall resigned and to Joshua Beall appointed Lieutenant of Prince Georges County in the room of Luke Marbury resigned. C. B.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores at Annapolis deliver to Capt. William Brown 20 pair of Shoes for the Matrosses.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Richard Emory five hundred & sixty two pounds, ten shillings, ninty two pounds whereof to be retained by himself for the additional Bounty paid by him for eight recruits enlisted, and the residue to be delivered over to Col[o] Richardson for him to pay to Capt. Hawkins for 16 Recruits Capt. Frazier for 10 Recruits, Cap[t] Lynch for eight Recruits Capt. Handy for 6 Recruits and Capt. Johnson for two Recruits per his Letter, Accounts and Certificates.

[Council to N. Smith.] C. C. 5

In Council 29th Nov[r] 1777.

Sir

We hoped to have heard from you before this Time, of your Success in reinlisting the Matrosses into the Continental Service, but have not received a Line on the Subject. Capt Brown has reinlisted the Number fixed in Annapolis and will, in a few Days, be ready to march, but, 'til we know what Officers in Baltimore are desirous of continuing in the Service, we cannot, with Propriety, appoint his Officers. We therefore desire to hear from you as soon as may be and that you will inform us what Officers are desirous of continuing in the Service, the Dates of their Commissions and which of them are willing to march We are Sir &[ca]

Maj[r] Nath[l] Smith.

[Council to Col. Richardson.] 6

In Council Annapolis 29th Nov[r] 1777.

Sir

We have drawn the Order to Capt. Emory for the £562 10 0 extra Bounty Money as you desire in yours of the

C. C. 17th Inst and have furnished him with the best Account of your Battalion we are able, which we hope will enable you to settle your Accts and draw the Money due. The Congress expressly agreed to pay the Militia raised to act with your Battalion, and we can no more draw Pay for them out of our Treasury, without the Orders of the Assembly, than for any, or all of our Regular Regiments. We are Sir &ca

Colo Wm Richardson.

C. B. Monday 1 December 1777

Present Edward Lloyd, James Brice & Daniel Carroll Esquires.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to William Roberts fifty eight pounds, nine Shillings and eight pence Amt of Account passed the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to John King fourteen pounds two shillings amount of Account passed the Board. and the further Sum of Twenty Pounds at the request of the Senate & House of Delegates.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col. Richard Harwood Sixty three pounds seven shillings & three pence Balance of Acct passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Johnson twenty two pounds two Shillings and three pence for the use of sundries, Thirty Pounds fifteen shillings for the use of Capt Elam Bailey, Twelve pounds fifteen shillings for the use of Henry Griffith and Twenty Shillings for the use of Henry Gaither per Accts passed.

Tuesday 2. December 1777.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Joseph Ford one thousand Dollars per General Order from Colo Stone.

A Letter from William Hemsley Esquire elected a member of this Board was communicated to the Council by Thomas Stone Esquire of the Senate signifying a Resignation of his Seat.

Wednesday 3d December 1777.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Dowson seven pounds, fifteen shillings for the use of James Smith for Waggoning per Acct passed

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bullen one hundred and thirty pounds seven shillings and six pence Balance of Account passed and the further Sum of Three hundred and seventy five pounds amount of Account passed the Board. C. B.

That the said Treasurer pay to Patrick Hannan one hundred and twenty one pounds fourteen shillings and four pence Balance of Acc[t] passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Peregrine Lethrbury Twenty one pounds, five Shillings amount of Account passed.

Thursday 4 December 1777.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Bullen two hundred pounds on Account.

Agreed with M[rs] Johnson for her House on the Stadt House Hill the 8th Instant at the rate of £35 per Annum.

Tuesday 9th December 1777.

Present as on Thursday except James Brice.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Elisha Winters five hundred and seventy seven pounds, seventeen shillings and four pence half penny due to him per Account passed the Board of Accounts.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Walter Hanson five hundred pounds for the purpose of compleating their Powder Mill agreeable to a Resolution of the present Session of Assembly.

That the said Treasurer pay to Reubin Meriwether, seven pounds to be paid to Vachel Warfield for the hire of his Waggon.

[Council to F. Ware.] C. C. 7

In Council Annapolis Tuesday Morning

Dec[r] 9th 1777.

Sir.

In Consequence of the Intelligence received of some British Ships of War having gone up Patowmack, we have sent a Waggon down with Arms &[ca] which we request you will distribute as you will see best for the Public Service. We hope you will take the necessary Steps to prevent the Enemy from committing Ravages on the Inhabitants, by placing Guards at suitable Stations. You are also to endeavour to obstruct all Intercourse and, if the Service should require it, that you will

C. C. take the Command of the Prince George's County Militia. This Request is occasioned by the Uncertainty we are under whether the Lieutenant of that County has received his Commission, very lately issued and the great Probability of his being much indisposed at Present. The scene of your Action will be so remote from us, that we shall not have it in our Power to assist you with our Advice, when you may require it. We therefore refer you to Mr Stone, who will readily give you any Aid in his Power. Should unforeseen Difficulties render it necessary, let us hear from you occasionally by Express.

Francis Ware Esqr
L^t of Charles County

We are Sir &^ca

8 [Council to T. Stone.]

In Council Annapolis Tuesday Morning Decr 9th 1777.

Sir.

His Excellency being absent, we received your Letter of yesterday morning and, in Consequence thereof, have sent a Waggon under the Guard of a commissioned Officer & 5 Privates laden with Arms &^ca as undermentioned. Inclosed is a Letter to Col^o Ware, whom we have referred to you for Advice, if he should be under any Difficulties, which he could not receive from us, at the Distance we are from him, on Business that may require an immediate Determination.

Honble Thomas Stone Esqr

We are Sir &^ca

60 Musquets with Bayonets
47 Cartridge Boxes with fix'd Ammunition
43 Bayonet Belts
250 Flints

C. B. Wednesday 10 December 1777.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western shore Treasurer pay to Levin Wilson three pounds, five shillings to be paid over to Thomas King, Three pounds eleven Shillings to be paid over to Henry Jackson and twelve Shillings and six pence to be paid over to Robert Matthews due them on Accounts passed the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Laypole two hundred and eight pounds two shillings and six pence and the further Sum of Sixty four pounds eight shillings per Account passed the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Robert Wright five hundred and three pounds three Shillings and four pence due the Militia lately under his Command and for expences incurred by them as appears by a General Account passed the Board of Accounts agreeable to a Resolution of Assembly C. B.

That the said Treasurer pay to Walter Tolly Administr of Walter Tolly Junr seven pounds due him on Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Godsgrace seven pounds six Shillings and three pence due him per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Smith & Dorsey one hundred and twenty three pounds due them for Wood furnished the Matrosses at Balt. per Acct passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Alex Furnival one hundred & seventeen pounds ten Shillings due him per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Cornelius Mills four pounds seventeen shillings and six pence and the further sum of nine pounds three Shillings due him per Accounts passed the Board.

Commission of Lre of Marque & Reprisal issued to Norris Copper master of the Privateer Sloop called the Mars mounting 8 Carriage Guns navigated by 25 men belonging to James Calhoun & others of Baltimore Town

Thursday 11 December 17

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Nathaniel Bond Thirty eight pounds five Shillings for the purpose of Purchasing 42½ Gallons of Whiskey for the use of the Ship Defence.

That the said Treasurer pay to Edward Colt who was a Private in Captain Longs Independent Company and who was taken Prisoner at Fort Washington and released on Parole, Thirty one Pounds, five shillings due him for Wages and Subsistance per Account passed the Board of Accounts

Ordered That the Officer commanding on board the Ship Defence deliver to James Calhoun Esquire four two pounders with a proportion of paid Ammunition in lieu of three three Pounders the property of said James Calhoun now on board of the Galley Independence and a Quantity of Ammunition therefor.

C. B.

Friday 12 December 1777.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Maxwell fifty eight Pounds twelve shillings and two pence for the use of William Bordley and twenty one Pounds eleven Shillings and six pence for the use of Isaac Spencer due to them per Accounts passed the Board of Accounts.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Gordon seventy five Pounds on account of the third Regiment

That the said Treasurer pay to Azel Warfield seventy eight Pounds as per Account passed the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to Logan & Minskie twelve Pounds due per Account passed the Board.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to John Johnson thirteen yards Sheeting Linen on Account.

Saturday 13th December 1777

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Capt Thomas Gordon three hundred and eight Pounds, seventeen shillings & ten pence for the pay of his Company of marching Militia per Pay roll passed by the Board of Accounts

Ordered That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Bluff eleven pounds four shillings and Eight pence for the pay of his Company whilst in actual Service per Pay roll passed the Board of Accounts.

That the said Treasurer pay to Colº Christopher Birkhead one hundred and one pounds nineteen Shillings and nine pence per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Wheatly one hundred and four pounds fifteen Shillings and Eight pence due him per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Henry Dickinson Eight pounds due to him per Account passed

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Joseph Richardson two hundred and three pounds, six Shillings due to his Company whilst in actual Service per Account passed the Board of Accounts.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. William Haslet three hundred and sixty three pounds, three shillings and two pence due to his Compy whilst in actual Service per Account passed

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Philip Coale twelve hundred and ninty pounds, twelve Shillings and eleven pence to be delivered over to Lieut Colº Edward Parker for the pay

&ca of the Militia under his Command whilst in actual Service per Account passed. C. B.

That the said Treasurer pay to Philip Coale Thirty pounds to be delivered over to Arthur Alexander per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Calhoun six thousand pounds to expend in the Purchase of Cloathing for the Troops of which Account to be rendered.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jacob Klein one thousand pounds to be delivered over to Abraham Faw and by him laid out in Cloathing for the Troops of which Account to be rendered.

William Bordley Esquire is requested to deliver to Lieutenant Charles Rumsey one hundred and fifty Stand of Arms and one hundred and fifty pounds of Musquet Powder and Lead and Ball equivalent.

[Council to Capt. Furnival.] C. C. 9

In Council 14th Decr 1777.

Sir.

Doctr Lemmon, Mr Richard Lemmon & Mr Mark Alexander represent to us that they obtained Orders from the Board of War for nine Hessian Prisoners to work at a Salt Works at Sinnepuxent, in which they are concerned, with others and that they brought nine of those Prisoners to Baltimore Town, who, as they suppose, and probably truly, have been persuaded to refuse going according to their Agreement and that you in Consequence of Mr Lindenberger's Warrant, have taken those Prisoners out of their Hands and now keep them at the Fort. If those Prisoners or any of them are willing to proceed to the Salt Works, you are to give up such to go forward, but if any refuse, such must be immediately sent back to Colo Grub, they are not to be kept in Baltimore at the Expence of this State, nor shall we consent to their being at large, to be employed in the Service of any but those who have been at the Expence of bringing them thither.

Capt Furnival Balto We are &ca

Monday 15 December 1777 C. B.

Present as on Saturday. James Brice appeared absent from 5th

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Richard Lemmon Thirty two pounds amount of Account passed the Board.

C. B. That the said Treasurer pay Three pounds eighteen shillings to pay for one Barrel of flour for the Schooner General Smallwood.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Smoot one hundred twenty seven pounds three Shillings and nine pence for the use of several of the Militia of Dorchester County due to them per Accounts passed.

Certificate to the Western shore Treasurer that Josiah Polk Esqr attended 62 days in Council from the 28th July.

C. C. 10

[Council to N. Smith.]

In Council Annapolis 15th Decr 1777.

Sir

We are informed that two or three Hessian Prisoners who came thither with the Hessian Officers, are at large in Baltimore Town, and no particular Person answerable for their forth coming. We request that you will make Enquiry and, if the Fact is so, and any of those who were brought by Mr Lemmon, are returned because of their Refusal to go to the Salt Works, you will return with them the two or three first mentioned or if, as we wish, the Hessians should go to the Salt Works, then we desire the two or three who are at large may be sent by the first Opportunity, to Col^{o} Grub, unless they can give good security to appear at Baltimore whenever called on.

We are Sir &^{ca}

Maj^{r} Nathl Smith.

C. B.

Tuesday 16th December 1777.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Western shore Treasurer pay to Rezin Hammond six pounds for the hire of his Waggon in the public Service.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col Darby Lux one thousand eight hundred and eight pounds two shillings and nine pence due to his Battalion of Marching Militia Amount of Account passed the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bullen three hundred and sixty three pounds fifteen Shillings Amount of Account for wood passed.

That the Commissary of Stores at Annapolis deliver to Captain Furnival 150 yards of Coarse wrapper or Cruder to make beds for the Matrosses Batt.

Wednesday 17th December 1777. C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. George Watts Thirty five pounds Ten shillings due to his Company of Mil[a] per Acc[t] passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Thomas Coursey eight hundred and sixty six pounds, sixteen shillings and seven pence due to him and for Wages due to the Crew of the Chester Galley per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Charles Greenbury Griffith seventy three pounds four Shillings and three pence due to him per Acc[t] passed

That the said Treasurer pay to William Goldsmith Thirty six pounds, seventeen shillings and ten pence due to him per Account passed the Board of Accounts.

Ordered That the Western shore Treasurer pay to William Goldsmith one hundred Pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to John Gray Thirty one Pounds and five Pence to be paid over to part of the Company commanded by John Hammond as per Pay roll passed the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Gray, twelve pounds, seven shillings and six pence due to him per Account passed.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to William Judah one Barrel of Salt from Elkridge Landing for the use of the Matrosses in Balt.

[Council to G. Keeports.] C. C. 11

In Council Ann[s] 17th Dec[r] 1777.

Sir

By a Letter received from you, you are of Opinion the House in which our Arms are kept, is too damp for that Purpose. We would have you get a proper Place; if a Fire can be occasionally made in the Room where they are placed, the better, and we wish you to have what public Arms are in Baltimore put into good Order and kept ready for Service.

M[r] George Keeports Balt[o] We are &[ca]

Friday 19th December 1777. C. B.

Present as on Wednesday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. James Smith fifteen Pounds, five Shillings and four pence for

C. B. his Expences to Port Tobacco with Arms, and Ammunition per Account passed the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Reed one hundred and forty five pounds fifteen Shillings and three pence due to him per Acc^{t} pass^{d} and also the further Sum of fifty nine Pounds, twelve Shillings and six pence to be delivered over to Daniel Fisher due to him per Acc^{t} passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Mills one Pound eleven shillings and Six pence due to him per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Vachel Gaither, fifty eight Pounds eleven Shillings and seven Pence due to himself and Company whilst in actual Service and the further Sum of Three Pounds, ninteen Shillings due to part of his Company whilst in actual Service per Acco^{ts} passed.

Pardons granted to negroe's Daphne Simena the Slaves of Hannah Hall of Harford County condemned at Harford Augt Court for Burg^{ly}

C. C. 12

[Council to C. Rumsey.]

In Council 19th Decr 1777.

Sir.

Englehart Yeiser has exhibited to us a Complaint, on Oath, against Thomas Higgins of Cecil County, for his forcibly and riotously seizing and putting him under a Guard by Violence with armed Men and taking from his Servants a Number of Cattle as they were driving to Baltimore. Outrages of this Kind, if suffered to be permitted with Impunity, will produce the most serious Consequences and are therefore not to be tolerated. We request that you will immediately with a Guard, if necessary send Thomas Higgins before us; that Enquiry may be made into the above mentioned Complaint.

To Charles Rumsey Esqr L^{t} of Cecil County. } We are &^{ca}

C. B.

Saturday 20th December 1777

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John King ninteen Pounds, three shillings and nine pence and also the further sum of five Pounds and two pence due on Accounts passed by the Board of Accounts.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Athenasius Ford eleven pounds two Shillings and four pence due to a party of Saint Marys County Militia commanded by John Greenwell Junr for the use of the said Party.

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Sadler six Pounds, two Shillings and Six pence due on Account passed.

[Council to Col. Barnes.] C. C. 13

In Council Decr 20th 1777.

Sir

We wrote you this Day by the Defence's Tender who has Orders to call at Mr Hopewell's to deliver there 100 Stand of Arms and to send an Express off immediately to you. As this may reach you before you receive that Letter, We think it proper to let you know that the Arms will probably be at the Place destined, by the Time you can send a Person to receive them. We are Sir &^ca

To Col^o Barnes.

[Council to Board of War.] 14

In Council Annapolis 20th Decr 1777.

Gen^t

Your Letter was laid before the Assembly immediately on the Receipt of it, on which they have come to the inclosed Resolution. The Fort and Barracks are much out of Repair and will require a good Deal of Work to put them in proper Order to receive Prisoners, but no Time shall be lost. The Country round about Fort Frederick is very thinly settled, which will make a pretty strong Guard the more necessary. We much wish a proper one to be sent with the Prisoners.

To the Board of War. We are Gen^t &^ca

Sunday 21 December 1777. C. B.

Present as on yesterday except Tho Sim Lee Esquire

Discharge granted to George Isler of Baltimore on taking the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State Certificate whereof Lodged.

Edward Farrall Butler of the Conqueror Galley an Invalid discharged Thomas Booltz and Thomas Monshon of the Independence Galley, also discharged

[Council to Col. Barnes.] C. C. 15

In Council 21st Decr 1777.

Sir.

By the Defence's Tender, we send you one hundred Stand of Arms with Orders to land them at Hopewell's, as it appears to us the most convenient Place to which we can, with Prudence trust them. Governor Henry has advised us that he has ordered two of the best Virginia Gallies up to Potowmack to act in Concert with ours. We are &^ca

Col^o Barnes.

C. C.
16

[Council to G. Cook.]

In Council 21st Decr 1777.

Sir

This by the Defence's Tender who goes down with 100 Musquets to be lodged at Hopewell's for Colo Barnes, and some Provisions for the Gallies. The Skipper has Orders to call in at St. Jerom's to learn your situation, and that of the Enemy, before he goes into Patowmack. By a Letter from Governor Henry, we are informed he has ordered two of the best of the Virginia Gallies to Patowmack to act in Concert with ours. We hope they have joined you before this Time.

Capt Cooke. We are &ca

17

[Council to Ware and Barnes.]

In Council 21st Decr 1777.

Sir.

A Report prevails and it has reached us several Ways that many People on Patowmack and particularly between Cedar Point and Wiccomico, have been exchanging Provisions with the Men of War for Salt and other Articles. Whatever temporary Convenience may result to Individuals from such a Practice, none can be ignorant how contrary it is to their Duty as Subjects to this State, or not foresee the pernicious Consequences. We therefore request your utmost Vigilance to put a Stop to all Kind of Intercourse between the People and the Men of War. It is said the Ships are ballasted with Salt, which, if true, proves the Intention of their going up Patowmack and if they are treated as half Friends, we may expect enough of their Company. We are, &c

To Colo. Ware &
Colo. Barnes.

C. B.

Monday 22d December 1777.

Present as on yesterday Tho Sim Lee Esqr Attended.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Manaseeh Cain Eighty five Pounds, four Shillings due to him per Account passed by the Board

That the said Treasurer pay to Edward Burgess eighteen Pounds to be delivered over to Mary McKinnery due to her on Account referred to this Board by the Honourable House of Delegates.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Wilshire Three Pounds amount of Account passed the Board.

The General Assembly having passed a Resolution for the Sale of the Ship Defence and allowing Liberty to any of the Marines to enter into the Matross Companies or on board the Gallies. The Commanding Officer on board the Defence is to discharge any of the men who inlist with Captain Campbell or enter on board the Gallies on his being furnished with a Certificate of such Inlistment on entering on board either of the Gallies and the Officer who inlists any of the said men is directed immediately on the Inlistment to send such Certificate on board the Defence that the Officer there Commanding may know that the absent men are engaged in the Public Service according to the Intention of the Assembly. C. B.

[Council to G. Cook.] C. C. 18

In Council Annapolis 22d Decr 1777.

Sir

We yesterday sent off the Defence's Tender with 100 small Arms for Colo Barnes and some Provisions for the Gallies. The small Arms to be landed at Hopewell's on Patuxent and the Tender to call at St Jerom's to learn your and the Enemy's Situation before she proceeds into Patowmack unless, in Patuxent, she is well ascertained that she may safely proceed without Delay. Mr Vanbibber tells us he has a Quantity of Cordage amongst it some Cables, at Fredericksburg in Virginia, any Part of Which he is willing to spare us, if we can assist him to get it up We therefore send you the inclosed Letter to Colo Lewis; we believe it is on the Subject of the Cordage. If you think it will be safe, we would have you send the Tender on this Business, if otherwise, return us the Letter again by some Opportunity or, if none offers before, when you come up again. We are desirous of getting the Cordage up, if you think it may be safely attempted, as we do not know how we shall otherwise get furnished with some much wanted. We are in Hopes, before this Time, you have been joined with two Gallies from Virginia, and that you have been able at least to prevent the infamous Intercourse which we hear has been carried on by our People with the Men of War. If the Ships should have gone down, we shall expect to see the Gallies up, if not, advise us of your Situation and of what it may be necessary to furnish you with.

Capt George Cooke. We are Sir &ca

[Council to T. Walker.] 19

In Council Annapolis 22d Decr 1777.

Sir.

We have wrote to Colo Jos. & Geo. Dashiell to send up, in your Galley, Part of the Arms landed at the Cherry Stones &

C. C. some Goods, and to lade them when you may safely & prudently take them in. Take a Memorandum of every Thing you receive and, as soon as you get the Things, make all the Dispatch you can to this Place. The Things are of great Value and the utmost Care & Attention is expected.

Capt Thos Walker. We are &ca

20 [Council to G. Dashiell.]

In Council Annapolis 22d Decr 1777.

Sir

We have not heard whether you have got the Arms from the Cherry Stones or not, if you have, we wish you to retain for the Use of Somerset County, as many Boxes as make 100 Stand, to deliver as many Boxes, for the Use of Worcester County to Colo Joseph Dashiell, as make 100 Stand. We would not have the Boxes broke and the Arms picked, we suppose there are 25 in a Box; the Remainder, if you think it safe, send up in the Baltimore Galley Capt. Walker, who we would also have bring up what Goods you and Colo Jos. Dashiell may have purchased with the Invoices.

If you think there is too much Risk in sending the Arms and Goods in the Galley, we wish you and your Brother to get Carriage and forward them higher up, where the Galley may, prudently take them in. This Galley or another shall return again soon. We are Sir &ca

George Dashiell Esqr
Lt of Somerset County

21 [Council to G. Wells.]

In Council 22d Decr 1777.

Sir

The General Assembly have ordered the Galley, now on the Stocks in Balto to be sold as she now is. We therefore request you will not proceed in finishing her, but furnish us with an Account of her Cost as soon as you possibly can, below which she cannot be sold and, of Course, not 'til we are furnished with the Account.

Mr George Wells
Balt Town

We are Sir &ca

22 [Council to A. Buchanan.]

In Council 22d Decr 1777.

Sir

The General Assembly having ordered the Galley now in Gunpowder River to be sold, not under her Cost, we request

you'll furnish us with an Account of her Cost as soon as possible, as we may give Directions as to the Sale of her. C. C.

Mr Archibald Buchanan
Baltimore

We are &ca

[Council to J. Dashiell.] 23

In Council Annapolis 22d Decr 1777.

Sir

We have desired Colc George Dashiell to retain 100 Stand of Arms for Somerset and to deliver to you as many for Worcester County and have requested that the Remainder, with the Goods you and he have purchased may be sent up in Capt Walker's Galley. We wish you, if not too inconvenient, to consult together and dispatch the Galley. The Woollens of which you sent us Samples of the Width, we suppose, are bought much to our Satisfaction and will be very useful. We think with you that the Purchase of Goods would have been easier and cheaper with Cash in Hand than on Drafts, but the Assembly have chose the latter Way which, in large Sums, will make no great Difference. We shall be obliged to you to have an Eye to the Inlets for Woollens, Shoes & Hats, which are by much the most wanted

We are &ca

Joseph Dashiell Esqr
Lt of Worcester County

[Council to Norton and Beall.] 24

In Council Annapolis 22d Decr 1777.

Gent

You will be pleased to deliver any Goods, belonging to this State, which you may have in your Care to Mr the Bearer of this, and we shall be much obliged to you for your Advice and Assistance to him in procuring Carriage for them.

Messrs Norton & Beall.

We are &ca

[Council to S. Hughes.] 25

In Council 22d Decr 1777.

Sir

Inclosed is a Resolution of the General Assembly for putting Fort Frederick Barracks in Repair, for the Reception of Prisoners. We shall be much obliged to you to employ Workmen immediately to do it. The Gap in the Wall made by Pindell, must be made up again and, as we are informed, Doors and Windows will be wanted as well as some Plank for

C. C. the Floors. They need only be done in a rough Way. Mr Denton Jacques told the Governor that he believed his and Kempner's Mills could soon furnish the Plank necessary. If your private Affairs will not permit you to attend to this Business, we request you will prevail on some Gent whose Activity can be relied on, to undertake the Management of it. Great Expedition is necessary and therefore we wish a sufficient Number of Workmen to be hired. Be so obliging as to acknowledge the Receipt of this and to advise us what time we may expect the Barracks will be fit to receive the Prisoners.

To Samuel Hughes Esq. We are, &c.

C. B. Tuesday 23 December 1777.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Archibald Chisholm ninty one Pounds, five Shillings for Damages done to Nathan Waters's House in Annapolis per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Murrow Thirty three pounds seventeen Shillings and six pence due to him & the men on board the Plater per Account passed the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Gerock Fifty Pounds for the use of the Hospital in Baltimore to be accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Deye Thirty seven pounds six Shillings and eight pence to be delivered over to Leonard Belt per Acct pssd

The Council proceeded to the choice of a member in the room of William Hemsley Esquire who refused and James Hindman Esquire was unanimously elected.

Edward Smoot of Charles County having been brought before this Board on Suspicion of carrying on a Correspondence with the Enemy is hereby discharged he having given Bond for his appearance at the next County Court.

According to the Appointment of the General Assembly Commissions issued to David Smith Register of Wills for Cecil County, Richard Wootton for Montgomery County, John Goldsborough for Dorchester County and William Morris for Worcester County.

Joseph Nicholson, William Geddis, and Donaldson Yates of Kent County or any two of them are hereby appointed to audit settle and adjust the Accounts of the Militia of the Eastern Shore who have been in actual Service since the Invasion of this State and any Accounts that may have arisen against the State in Consequence of said Invasion according to a Resolution of the General Assembly.

[E. Boudinot to Gov. Johnson.] C. C. Original.

York Town Decr 23^d 1777.

Sir

Being an entire Stranger to the Inhabitants of your State, and under the necessity of appointing a deputy Commissary General of Prisoners for Maryland, I am obliged to trouble your Excellency in asking the nomination of a proper Person to execute that office, who shall receive his Appointment without delay.

As I find fort Frederick is to be fitted up, for the reception of Prisoners; I should be glad if he was acquainted with that part of the Country, altho' I do not think it absolutely necessary. He must be a man of Character, Integrity & Activity, yet the Business will not require but a small part of his Time

His Pay & Rations will be that of a Major in the Army of the United States. As soon as a proper Person is fixed on & accepts the Office, I should be glad he would make me a return of all the Prisoners of War in the State, with their Corps, Time when & Place where taken. He can forward it to me at head Quarters. I have the Honor to be with great Esteem

Your Excellency's
Most obed^t Hble Servt
Elias Boudinot
Com: Gen: of Prisoners

His Excellency Thos Johnson Esqr

Wednesday 24 December 1777. C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Clement Harrison sixty nine Pounds, two shillings and seven Pence due per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt William Brogden three hundred and Twenty eight Pounds one Shilling and six Pence due to him and his Company of Militia whilst in Service per Account passed by the Board of Accounts.

That the said Treasurer pay to Benjamin Lowndes one thousand eight hundred and seventy five Pounds, four Shillings and six pence half penny to be delivered over to Christopher Lowndes due to him per Account passed, and also the further Sum of six Pounds for the use of Christopher Lowndes for Waggon hire per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jacob Hust two Pounds amount of Account Passed the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to Nevin and Pinkney Three hundred and fifty six Pounds, four shillings and one Penny am^t of Account passed.

C. B. That the said Treasurer pay to John Curry six Pounds due to Andrew Hickman and six Pounds due to Robert Hart per Accounts passed

C. C. 26 [Council to Dr. Gale.]

In Council 24th Decr 1777.

Sir

Mr Samuel Gerock brought down an Account of the Hospital at Baltimore which, though it may be very just, is more than we expected it would have amounted to. Possibly it may be, in some Measure, owing to People's remaining there who might be returned to their Duty or of others who are not likely to be fit for Duty. We therefore request you'll send us a List of those who are in the Hospital, noting what Service they belong to, and whether they are likely to be again fit for Service. We are &ca

To Doctr Gale, Baltimore.

27 [Council to J. Nicholson and others.]

In Council 24th Decr 1777.

Gent.

We inclose you a Copy of a Resolution of the General Assembly and, in Consequence of it, an Appointment to adjust and settle the Militia Accounts, which, we flatter ourselves, you will take the Trouble to execute, as it will contribute greatly to the Ease and Convenience of the Claimants, who have deserved well of their Country. Nothing very material occurs to us at present but to request you'll make no Allowance to any of the Militia who deserted or came away before their Time had expired, without Leave, and that you will preserve and transmit to us, all the Accounts and Vouchers that this State may have due Credit in our Account with the Continent. If any Difficulties should arise, on its being proposed, we shall be ready to give you our Sentiments thereon. We are Gent &ca

To Joseph Nicholson, William Geddis & Donaldson Yeates } Esqrs

28 [Council to H. Stevenson.]

Annapolis 24th Decr 1777.

Sir

George Somervill has made repeated Applications for a Discharge from his Imprisonment. The Motive of committing him was the Security of the Public. The Gentlemen of the

Council and myself think that would be effected by taking Security from him and therefore I send you the inclosed Bond, on the Execution of which, by himself and two Securities, approved as sufficient by either of the Justices, you are to discharge him. Job Green also appearing to us to be under similar Circumstances, we would have you discharge him too, on the same Terms, if he chuses to give the like Bond. The Reverend Mr Patterson & Mr Wright will, in a little Time, be sent to the Eastern Shore, where a Court will be called and their Discharge will depend on the Proceedings of that Court. C. C.

P. S. Send us the Bonds, if given. We are &ca

Henry Stevenson Esqr
Sheriff of Baltimore

[Council to W. Smith.] 29

In Council Annapolis 24th Decr 1777.

Sir

The General Assembly not having given any Directions concerning the Estates of those who have gone to the Enemy, unless on an Indictment and Outlawry for Treason, we request you will return Doctr Henry Stephenson's Effects, which remain the same, again on his Plantation. It may be well to Have an Inventory made of them and let Mrs Stephenson send some Body to receive them the Doctr cannot now remove them & they will be subject to the Creditors, if they chuse to proceed against them in a Course of Law.

Wm Smith Esqr Harford. We are Sir &ca

Friday 26 December 1777. C. B.

Present Edward Lloyd Esquire

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut James Smith five Pounds, fifteen Shillings amot of Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Dallam one thousand four hundred and fifty two Pounds six Shillings and eleven Pence for the use of the Militia of Harford County due to them whilst in actual Service per Account passed the Board of Accounts.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Claggett one thousand and Thirty pounds, five shillings and five pence half penny for the use of the part of the 11th Battalion of Militia Prince Georges County whilst in Service due per Account passed the Board of Accounts.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Colo Thomas Williams five hundred and sixty eight Pounds, Ten Shillings and five

C. B. Pence for the use of the Part of his Battalion who were in Service due to them per Account passed the Board of Accounts James Claypoole, Edward Warrell and John Bolton of Kent County or any two of them are appointed to enquire estimate and make return according to the Resolution of the General Assembly on the Memorial of Robert Anderson of Kent County respecting the Seizure of the Sails from his Vessel.

C. C.
Original.

[Washington to Gov. Johnson.]

Head Quarters Valley Forge, 29th December 1777

Sir: Gen[l] Smallwood will, by this Conveyance, transmit you a Return of Seven of the Maryland Regiments. The eighth, which was composed of part of the German Battalion, and part of Rawlins's Regiment, is in the same situation in point of numbers. By this you will discover how deficient—how exceedingly short they are of the complement of Men, which of right, according to the establishment, they ought to have.

This information I have thought it my duty to lay before you, that it may have that attention which its importance demands, and in full hope, that the most early and vigorous measures will be adopted, not only to make the Regiments more respectable, but compleat. The expediency and necessity of this procedure are too obvious to need argument. Should we have a respectable force, to commence an early Campaign, before the Enemy are reinforced, I trust we shall have an opportunity of striking a favorable and happy stroke. But if we should be obliged to defer it, it will not be easy to describe, with any degree of precision, what disagreeable consequences may result from it. We may rest assured, that Britain will strain every nerve to send, from home and abroad, as early as possible, all the Troops it shall be in her power to raise or procure. Her views and schemes for subjugating these States, and bringing them under her despotic Rule, will be unceasing and unremitted. Nor should we, in my opinion, turn our expectations to, or have the least dependance on the intervention of a foreign War. Our wishes on this Head have been disappointed hitherto, and I do not know that we have a right to promise ourselves, from any intelligence that has been received, bearing the marks of authority, that there is any certain prospect of one. However, be this as it may, our reliance should be wholly upon our own Strength and exertions. If, in addition to these, there should be aid derived from a War between the Enemy and any of the European powers, our situation will be so much the better. If not, our efforts and exertions will have been

the more necessary and indispensible. For my own part, I should be happy, if the Idea of a foreign rupture should be thrown entirely out of the scale of politics, that it may not have the least weight in our public measures. No bad effects could flow from it, but on the contrary, many of a salutary nature. At the same time, I do not mean that such an Idea ought to be discouraged among the people at large. C. C.

There is one thing more to which I would take the liberty of solliciting your most serious and constant attention, to wit, the Cloathing of your Troops, and the procuring of every possible supply in your power for that end. If the several States exert themselves in future in this instance, and I trust they will, I hope that the supplies they will be able to furnish, in aid of those which Congress may immediately import themselves, will be equal and competent to every demand. If they do not, I fear —— I am satisfied that the troops will never be in a situation to answer the public expectation, and perform the duties required of them. No pains—no efforts on the part of the States can be too great for this purpose. It is not easy to give you a just and accurate Idea of the sufferings of the Army at large, and of the loss of Men on this account. Were they to be minutely detailed, your feelings would be wounded, and the relation would not be probably received without a degree of doubt and discredit. We had in Camp, on the 23d instant, by a Field Return then taken, not less than 2898 men unfit for duty, by reason of their being bare footed and otherwise naked. Besides this number, there are many others detained in hospitals, and crowded in farmers Houses for the same cause. I flatter myself the care and attention of the States will be directed in a most particular manner, to the supply of Shoes, Stockings and Blankets, as their expenditure, from the common operations and accidents of War, is far greater than that of any other article. In a word, the united and respective exertions of the States can not be too great—too vigorous in this interesting work, and we shall never have a fair and just prospect for success, till our Troops (Officers and Men) are better provided for than they are or have been.

We have taken post here for the Winter, as a place best calculated to cover the Country from the Ravages of the Enemy, and are busily employed in erecting Huts for the Troops. This circumstance renders it the more material, that the supplies should be greater and more immediate than if the men were in warm comfortable Houses.

Before I conclude, I would also add, that it will be essential to innoculate the Troops or Levies as fast as they are raised, that their earliest services may be had. Should this be postponed, the work will be to do, most probably, at an interest-

C. C. ing and critical period, and when their aid may be more materially wanted

I have the honor to be,
with the greatest Respect, Sir,
your most ob[t] Serv[t]
G° Washington

His Excellency
Gov. Johnson.

C. B. Wednesday 31 December 1777.

Present Edward Lloyd and James Brice Esquires.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. William Campbell Thirty Pounds, eleven Shillings and three pence due to part of his Company in lieu of Hunting Shirts per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Philemon Warfield one hundred and fifty eight Pounds thirteen shillings and eight pence due to him and his Company of Militia for services performed in Annapolis at the Indian Landing and guarding Tories to Queen Ann per Account passed the Board of Accounts

That the said Treasurer pay to Abraham Faw six hundred and fifty three Pounds, fifteen shillings and two pence due to him for Balance of his Account of Cloathing purchased and paid for as per Acco[t] passed the Board, and the further Sum of five hundred pounds to expend in the purchase of Cloathing for the Troops of which Accounts to be rendered.

That the said Treasurer pay to Abraham Faw two hundred pounds to be delivered over to Charles Beatty Esq[r] Lieut. of Frederick County towards defraying the Expence of a Guard over Prisoners, sent to Frederick Town and accordingly to be accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt William Brown Thirty nine pounds six shillings and three pence due to several men of his Company formly of Jarams for Cloathing defficient one hundred & twenty one pounds ten shillings and thirty two pounds six shillings due to his Company for parts of Rations deficient as per Accounts passed by the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Gideon Dare two hundred and twenty five pounds thirteen shillings and four pence due to him & his Company whilst in actual Service per Account passed the Board of Accounts.

John Henright of the Matrosses having lost the use of his left Arm which he is not likely soon if at all to recover is discharged. John Dobson of the Matrosses is also discharged being subject to fits.

[Gov. Johnson to C. Beatty.] C. C.
Annapolis 31st Decr 1777. 30

Sir

I received yours this Morning by Mr Faw. Colo Lloyd & Mr Brice are of Opinion with me, that no other Method can be taken to have an immediate Effect but by calling on the Militia, 'til we can get a Guard of about 60 Men, if the other Prisoners should not come. This Guard, we suppose, will be sufficient for the Prisoners and also for the Magazine; wherefore we request that you will, immediately endeavour to have such a Guard raised under a Captain and two Lieuts If good Officers of the Militia will serve, the better. The Guard to be inrolled for the Purpose of Guards in Frederick County or to go with Prisoners for the safe conducting them to either of the adjacent Counties only, the Time the Engagement to be for six Months, if they should be so long necessary, or, if the People will not engage for so long a Time, for such shorter Time as they will agree; The Guard will be entitled to Continental Pay and Rations. Mr Faw says he is afraid that the Men will not inroll without a Bounty. I have no Power to give any, but, what perhaps, may nearly answer the Purpose, we send, by Mr Faw, two hundred Pounds and would have you, when you think it may be safely done, to advance a Month's Pay. I will represent the Matter to the Assembly and endeavour to get them allowed a Bounty of five Dollars and I am so well satisfied of the Necessity of a good Guard that, if the Men cannot be got without a small Bounty, that I think it will be better for the Inhabitants to advance it, I will give forty Dollars towards it myself. I am anxious to get the Powder out of your Town, I think it endangers the Life of every Inhabitant of it. Two Companies of Matrosses being ordered to Camp has made it impossible to send a Guard from hence, as I once intended, but the Expence of getting a small Guard for the new Magazine, be almost what it will, 'til you get your Guard Company inrolled, I beg you will immediately have the Powder removed. If you have more public Arms finished than will be necessary for your Guard, it will be prudent to put them into the Hands of such of the Inhabitants of your Town, as you can best rely on for taking Care of & using them on a proper Occasion. I am &ca

Charles Beatty Esqr
Lt of Fredk County

[Gov. Johnson to Colonels.] 31
Annapolis 31st Decr 1777.

Gent

The Number of Prisoners at Frederick Town and those expected, makes it absolutely necessary, for the safe Keeping

C. C. of the Prisoners and other Considerations of as much Weight, that a pretty strong Guard should be kept. I therefore request that your Battalion & Companies may furnish, on Charles Beatty Esquire's Orders, what will be sufficient, 'til a Guard Company can be inrolled; he will apportion the Duty, as nearly equal as he can, Situation and Circumstances considered, & your Assistance to get the Guard Company inrolled, will soon make an End of the Occasion of this Duty which, I wish to be as short as possible -- I am Gen^t &^ca

To the Col^s of the Battalions in Fred^k County and the Cap^ts of the Half Battalion.

32 [Gov. Johnson to Smallwood.]

Annapolis 31st Decr 1777.

Sir

This, I expect, will be handed to you by Capt Brown, who commands one of the Artillery Companies to be sent from hence under the inclosed Resolution. I have given him Orders to march to you at Wilmington and similar Orders to Capt Dorsey of the other Company, if he is ready to march, of which I am doubtful. I have given them Orders to march to Wilmington rather than to the Valley Forge, presuming that if they should be less useful at Wilmington, or, if General Washington should chuse to have them with the Main Body, the Difference of the Distance will not be very great and you will be better able than myself to direct the Rout. I do not know whether it will suit with the General Plan of the Army to have these two Companies separate Corps, if not, Imagine they will probably be joined to some other Body of Artillery and, if they are, or a Major should be appointed to command both Companies, I should think it but Justice that Maj^r Fulford or Maj^r Smith should have the Appointment, if they chuse. I inclose you a Copy of our Recruiting Act and submit it to you whether it would not be well to send an Officer to each of our County Court Houses or, at least, the most of them, to receive the Recruits. I do not know what Success we may have, but the Bounty seems to be sufficient, if any Bounty will do.

Genl Smallwood.

I am Sir &^ca

C. B. Thursday 1st January 1778

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Joshua Frazier forty five Pounds for rent of his House as a Guard

House and Barracks and the further Sum of Sixty one Pounds, five shillings and eight pence for Damages done to his House whilst used as a Guard House and Barracks per Accounts passed the Board of Accounts. C. B.

That the said Treasurer pay to Ignatius Goff forty six Pounds seven shillings and one penny due to him per Account passed the Board of Accounts.

Ignatius Goff of the Artilery is discharged having the spleen and has been in the Hospital for several months.

[Nourse to Gov. Johnson.] C. C. Original.

War Office the 1 January 1778

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Excellency's Letter enclosing an Order for the repairing of Fort Frederick, which were laid before the Board of War, who were happy to find that the Hon. House of Delegates, had given Direction for the Barracks to be put in order for the reception of the Prisoners of War.

Previous to the receipt of your Excellency's Letter, they received an account of the state of the Fort from Colonel Rawlings, a Copy of his Letter I have it in Direction to transmit to your Excellency, and to acquaint you, that the Colonel has been informed, his offer of Service shou'd be laid before your Ex^y & the Council, to be employed therein shou'd it be thought proper. I have the honor to be

Sir, Your very ob^t humble Servt
Joseph Nourse DL.

His Ex^y Gov. Johnson.

Friday 2^d January 1778 C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Cornelius Mills one hundred and fifty Pounds on Account to be expended in the recruiting Service.

Job Green and George Somervill are discharged from Confinement they having given Bond with Security for their future good behaviour dated 27th Dec^r

Monday 5th January 1778.

Present as on Friday. Tho Sim Lee Esquire attended.

Commission of Letter of Marque and Reprisal issued to Thomas Waters Master of the Schooner Boat called Williamta

C. B. mounting four Swivels navigated by Ten men, belonging to Isaac Vanbibber, David Weems, Charles Wallace and John Muir dated the 20th October 1777.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. George Cooke five hundred and eighty five pounds, six shillings and eight pence per Acct passed

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Joseph Ford five hundred Dollars to be expended in Bounties to Recruits to be charged to the first Maryland Continental Regiment the advance being made at the request of Colo Stone.

That the said Treasurer pay to Gabriel Duvall five pounds five shillings to be delivered over to Francis Hall for the hire of his Cart and Horses and the further Sum of five Pounds five Shillings to be delivered over to Benjamin Hall for the hire of his Waggon and Horses on account of the Militia per Accounts passed the Board of Accounts.

Daniel Melson is discharged from Confinement, having given Bond with security for his future good Behaviour, and he afterwards voluntarily took the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State.

Death Warrant issued to negro Peter slave to Stephen West for a Rape.

Thomas Duckett is appointed to purchase Pork in Prince Georges County.

Jacob Duckett of Prince Georges County is appointed Commissary to procure Supplies and Distribute them to the Quota of Troops of the American Army agreeable to a Resolve of the General Assembly 13th December last.

Tuesday 6th January 1778.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Isaac McHard one hundred Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Doctr Joseph Diggs forty three Pounds ten shillings balance of Account due him as Surgeon to the Maryland Militia per Acct passd

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. George Cooke two hundred and fifty seven Pounds seven Shillings and nine pence per Account passed

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Colo Samuel Smith fifteen hundred Dollars on Account of the fourth Regiment.

That the said Treasurer pay to Vanbibber and Crockett one thousand and thirty two Pounds one Shilling and three pence the purchase Money of the Moiety of the Sloop Chance and her Cargoe.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col° Henry Hollingsworth three hundred and forty six Pounds, fourteen Shillings and six pence on account of the second Battalion of Maryland Militia per Account examined & passed by the Board. C. B.

Also the further Sum of one thousand three hundred and eighty four Pounds four shillings and two pence on Account of part of the second, seventeenth and thirtieth Battalions of Militia under his Command as per Pay roll examined & passed and the further sum of fifteen Pounds, seventeen shillings and six pence per Account passed the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Richard Dorsey twenty four pounds per Acc^t passed and the further sum of one hundred & twenty five Pounds for the use of Smith and Dorsey as per Account passed the Board.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Muir three hundred and ten pounds eleven shillings and ten Pence for the use of Richard Dallam as per Account passed the Board of Accounts.

That the said Treasurer pay to Benjamin Harwood five pounds five shillings for the use of Nathan Hammond as per Account passed the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col° Henry Hollingsworth one thousand five hundred Dollars to be equally distributed amongst the Recruiting Officers of Cecil County to carry on the Recruiting Service there.

That the said Treasurer pay to Reubin McGee for forty three Pounds three Shillings and three pence due him for Pay and Subsistance as per Acc^t passed the B^d

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Richard Dorsey two hundred and forty seven Pounds five Shillings due his Comp^y of Mattrosses in lieu of Cloathing

That the said Treasurer pay Patrick Hannan one hundred and twenty three pounds sixteen shillings and three pence for work done to the Chester Galley and the further Sum of thirty three pounds, seventeen shillings and sixpence for the Use of Thomas Connoly per Accounts passed

Commission issued to William Harwood appointed Sheriff of Ann Arundel County in the room of Thomas Deale Deceased also to

Benjamin Galloway appointed Attorney General of the State of Maryland.

Capt Dorsey. You are to march with your Company of Matrosses as soon as you can possibly get them ready for Wilmington and join the Maryland Troops stationed there; If you should learn that they have left Wilmington & joined the main Army you are to turn into the Back Roads and join

C. B. the main Army too. You are to take a few Arms only with you for a Guard and those are to be returned again the first good Opportunity. You are desired to keep with your Company and to oblige your Officers also to keep with them to prevent Disorder and Desertions.

Wednesday 7th January 1778

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Solomon Stile Ten pounds per Account passed the Board.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Colo Thomas Dorsey four pounds, seven shillings and six pence to be delivered over to James Walker for hire of his Team &ca as per Account passed the Board of Accounts. Also six pounds to be delivered over to John Ray's, also seven pounds Ten shillings to be delivered over to Samuel Mansell for Waggon Hire per Accounts passed and also eleven Pounds four shillings and nine pence to be delivered over to N Ridgely Warfield for Sundries per Account passed the Board of Accounts.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col. Thomas Dorsey sixteen pounds for the Hire of his Waggon &ca and also Three hundred and sixty five Pounds Nine Shillings and seven pence for the use of his Battalion being the Balance due them whilst in actual Service as per Accounts passed the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col John Dorsey one hundred and five Pounds, seven shillings as per Account passed the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col Thomas Dorsey Nine Pounds fifteen Shillings for the use of John Shipley as per Account passed the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Maccubbin seventy six pounds Ten Shillings for Whiskey purchased for the Galley Independence per Acct passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt George Cooke three hundred and twelve Pounds ten shillings and five pence half penny Balance of Account and the further Sum of one hundred and twenty two pounds, two shillings and five pence as per Account passed the Board of Accounts.

William Winder Junr Ephraim Stevens and Levin Woolford are appointed Purchasers of Cattle for Somerset County. John Postley, John Richardson and William Wise for Worcester County and Copies of the following Instructions were sent

Whereas the Board of War has requested of this State as well as of other States an immediate Supply of Provisions for

the Use of the Continental Army. This Board desirous of C. B.
complying with the said Requisition and being fully convinced that it will much conduce to the general Interest as well as the Interest of the Proprietors of Cattle at places from whence they may be readily taken away by the Enemy that such of those Cattle as are fit for Beef should be immediately collected at a full and just price and applied to the Subsistance of the Army.

Therefore Messrs William Winder jun^r^ Ephraim Stevens and Levin Woolford of Somerset County or any or either of them is hereby appointed to purchase and Collect the Cattle in the said County which are fit for Slaughter for the use of the said Army and he is to procure the same on Contract if the Proprietors will sell them for a just price But if the proprietors of such Cattle along the sound and on the Water sides from whence they may readily taken by our Enemies on board the Men of War refuse to dispose of the same then the said William Winder Junr Ephraim Stevens and Levin Woolford or any or either of them is impowered and required to Seize such Cattle for the use and Subsistance of the Army as aforesaid leaving if necessary sufficient for the Subsistance of the Owner and his Family and paying the value of the Cattle so seized at the rate as near as can be estimated of one Shilling per pound for the neat Beef of good fatted Cattle and nine pence per pound for inferior and adding one fourth part of the sum for the fifth Quarter. And the said William Winder jun^r^ Ephraim Stevens and Levin Woolford as soon as convenient are to have the weight of the Cattle so seized estimated by an Honest man or two who are good Judges thereof if the proprietor of the Cattle and the person seizing the same shall disagree therein and the said William Winder Junr Ephraim Stevens and Levin Woolford are also desired to send all Cattle by them collected as soon as may be to the Camp under twenty Drovers to the Commissary of Purchases together with an Account of the cost of the Cattle and to send a Copy of the said Account to this Board.

Commissions issued to William Venables appointed Ensign to Capt. Robert Dashiells Company also to John Phillips first Lieut, Edward Kellam second Lieut of Capt William Turpins Company to John Evans second Lieu^t^ of Capt John Span Conways Company to Levin Handy Ensign of Capt Henry Gale's Company belonging to the Salisbury Battalion of Militia and also to John Irving first Lieut James Curtis second Lieut Nehemiah King Ensign of Capt. William Water's of John Company, to John Flemming Ensign of Capt David Wilson's Company to James Elzey second Lieut in the said Wilsons Company, to Samuel Dixon second Lieutenant of William

C. B. Waters's of Wm Company & to Thomas Williams Ensign of Capt John Williams's Company, belonging to the Princess Anne Battalion of Militia in Somerset County.

C. C.
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[Council to James Calhoun.]

In Council 6th January 1778.

Sir.

The late fortunate Capture by our Troops at Wilmington, we are in Hopes, has in great Measure, relieved, if not fully supplied them. It will certainly promote the Recruiting Service to have Cloaths furnished to the Men immediately on their Inlistment, we therefore request that, as soon as any Recruit is inlisted, you will, on the Officer's Application, furnish him with one Pair of Shoes one Pair of Stockings, two Shirts, a Pair of Breeches, a Coat, Jacket and Hat or such of those Articles as you have, as the Recruit may want, charging the Regiment to which such Recruit belongs, for the Articles delivered.

We are &ca

James Calhoun Esqr

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[Council to Smallwood.]

In Council Annapolis 6th Jany 1778.

Sir

We have heard of your good Fortune in capturing a Store Brig, on which we congratulate you, but do not know how far your Wants may be relieved by it, though, we flatter ourselves with the Hopes that you have Cloathing sufficient, and to spare, for all the Maryland Troops. We have a good many Articles, purchased up in different Parts of the Country. A good Deal of the Linen is made into Shirts and we are drawing the Goods together from the different Collectors, in order to send them forward; but, if you are supplied and the Army in general is in a fair way of being so, we are of Opinion, nothing, will so much assist the Recruiting Service as our being able to cloath the Men, immediately on their Inlistment, and therefore wish to apply the Goods that Way; yet, any Articles you want or any other Part of the Army, with which they are not likely to be soon supplied, as far as we can, we would furnish. Be pleased to dispatch the Bearer, who goes on purpose with this, and advise us, which will regulate our Conduct.

We are Sir &ca

General Smallwood.

[Council to Dashiell.] C. C. 35

In Council Annapolis 7th Jany 1778.

Sir

You are privy to the Measures taken and Instructions given for collecting the fat Cattle from those Parts of your County, easily approachable by the Enemy, for the Use of the Army. Perhaps the Disaffected may forcibly oppose the Execution of the Order; if that should be the Case, and the Gent. appointed should apply to you for Assistance, you are to collect the Militia and support the Gent in the Execution of the Order, for, withholding the Cattle and opposing their being applied to the Subsistance of our Army, can only be done in favour of our Enemies and, we are determined, they shall not draw any Supplies, from this State, if it can be prevented.

We are &ca

Colo George Dashiell.

[Council to Board of Auditors.] 36

In Council 7th Jany 1778.

Gent

When the Militia were ordered out, the Officers who commanded them, represented, and we believe very truly, that many of the Men could not march, without an Advance of some necessary Articles of Cloathing, most commonly Shoes, or Money to purchase them, and with a View to enable the Officers to advance for such Purposes, in small Sums to the most necessitated, Orders were drawn, by the Council and myself on the Treasury in favour of the Colonels or Principal Officers who went with Detachments of the Militia. Money was advanced by the Congress in the same Manner, and Shoes by the Council of Safety, last year, with the same Intention. We are informed that, in by far too many Instances, the Men, to whom small Advances were made, much within a Proportion of their Pay, have deserted, and that, in settling the Militia Accounts, no Credit is allowed to the Officers for Money advanced in such Instances. The Officers, in such Cases, last Year, had Credit in their Accounts and, we think, on every Principle of Justice and Policy, and we are satisfied, unless the Officers have the like Allowances now, they, nor any others in future, will advance Money for which they will expect to be chargeable on an Event which they cannot hinder, We therefore wish you to make the Allowance to the Officer, unless it appears the Advance was imprudently or improperly made.

We are Gent &ca

The Board of Auditors.

C. C.
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[Council to Winder and others.]

In Council Annapolis 7th Jany 1778.

Gent.

The inclosed Order of Council pretty fully explains the Necessity of it. Perhaps those who are not well affected may blame the Measure, but those who wish a plentiful Supply for our Army and that we may not feed and support our Enemies to subdue our own Country, we flatter ourselves will approve and support the Resolution we have taken. We would wish Violence to be avoided if possible, and have lodged this Power with you from a Certainty that it will be prudently exercised. If any Doubt or Difficulty should arise, we wish you to compare Sentiments and Act in Concert; yet if the People, whose Situations expose their Stocks to be plundered by the Enemy, refuse to furnish their spare Cattle, for the high Prices proposed, as such Refusal can proceed only from a Preference they give the Enemy, it is necessary such Cattle should be taken to prevent their inimical Designs. Possibly some may be so illy disposed as to oppose the Execution of the Order, if so, and you think it necessary, you are to call on the Lieutent of the County for Assistance, who is to afford it, for we are determined, at every Hazard, to prevent our open from being supplied by our internal Enemies.

To William Winder Junr
Ephraim Stevens &
Levin Woolford

We are Gent &ca

Like Letter to John Posley, John Richardson and William Wise of Worcester County.

C. B.

Thursday 8th January 1778.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Nicholas Gorsuch Eighty four Pounds seven Shillings and six pence for riding Express per Account passed by the Board of Accounts.

That said Treasurer pay to Major James Barnes four hundred and seventy two pounds one Shilling due the Marching Militia from the Eastern Shore as per Acct passed

That the said Treasurer pay to John Wilmott fifty pounds Eight Shillings and six pence due for Waggon hire as per Account passed the Board

That the said Treasurer pay to His Excellency Thomas Johnson Esquire seven hundred and forty nine pounds three shillings due to him per Account passed

John Burgess is appointed Sheriff of Ann Arundel County in the room of William Harwood who resigned, and Commission issued.

Pass granted to Mr. Limes of Baltimore Town to go to General Smallwood from thence into Philadelphia if he thinks proper. C. B.

[Council to W. Buchanan.] C. C. 38

In Council Annapolis 8 Jany 1778.

Sir.

M^r McGermant just now delivered us your Letter of the 10th of December. It is a principal Object with us, as well as with the Legislature of this State, to render every possible Aid to the Army and, if there was a pressing Necessity for seizing Salt and Provisions within this State, we have no Doubt but, on its being disclosed to the Assembly, for which there was a full Opportunity, due Provision would have been made, but it would, in all likelihood, have been limited by the Occasion, and modified in such a Manner as to prevent, as far as possible, any Oppression or useless Violence. Besides our not being yet informed of any Resolution of Congress, under which Col^o Blaine could suppose himself empowered to seize Salt imported into the Inlets or Stock in Somerset or Worcester County, he seems to have left M^r McGerment at full Liberty, nay, to require him to seize all Salt imported there and all Cattle, without making the Necessity of the Army or our Inhabitants any Rule and, so far from attending to the great Principle on which the Seizure of Property can, in any Instance, be justified, that is, the Payment of the full Price, Certificates only were to be given, no Price to be mentioned and the fifth Quarter of the Cattle to be sunk which, according to M^r McGermonts Explanation, was not to be taken into the Account at all. We can never approve such Orders or the Execution of them, and, we flatter ourselves that they were given without your Privity. We should be glad to be advised from Time to Time, what Gentlemen are employed in your Department, in this State, and the Extent of their Powers, that we may know who to assist and how far Assistance is desired. Unnecessary & wanton Violence, as stated to us, on Oath, was lately committed by Mr Huggins, on the Person and Property of Yeiser, of Baltimore Town and ought to be enquired into. We last Sunday received Letters from Congress and from the Board of War which give us the very disagreeable but first Notice of the Army being in Danger of suffering for Want of Provisions. The State of our Treasury would not allow us to do a great Deal but, on disclosing the Matter to Mr Chase, he immediately went to Baltimore to endeavour, if possible, to throw in something towards a temporary Supply and, by a Letter from him, we hope, he will succeed. We had taken Steps to collect what Beef we could

c. c. in Somerset & Worcester where, we are told, a good many yet are, before Mr McGerment came in, the Prices at 1/. for stalled Cattle and 9d for inferior and to allow for the fifth Quarter. These Prices are lower than Beef can generally be got at, though much higher than Mr McGerment says he has given. We were also appointing Gentlemen in most of the Counties on the Eastern Shore to purchase Pork and thought of limiting the Price not to exceed £5. a Hundred, but, on Mr McGerment shewing us he could not exceed £4. and informing us that he had already Persons in each County, we shall not appoint any, though we are fearful no great Quantity will be got at £4. and, in our Opinion, you cannot too soon have Mr McGermont or some discreet Person, go round to those employed and give a greater Latitude, unless the Pork comes in as you wish. William Winder Junr and Levin Woolford of Somerset County, John Richardson & William Wise of Worcester County, Nathaniel Potter of Caroline, Robert Caile Harrison and Joseph Richardson of Dorchester County, we thought of as proper People to collect Pork, and recomend it to you to add some of them to those already appointed; they are Gentlemen who, we believe, would take the Trouble to forward this necessary Piece of Public Business.

We are Sir &ca

William Buchanan Esqr
Commisy Genl of Purchases

39 [Council to Sheriffs.]

Circular. In Council 8th Jany 1778.

Sir.

We cannot better give you a just Impression of the Necessity for your Diligence in collecting the Assessment from those who are able & willing to pay it, than by inclosing you a Copy of the Resolution of the General Assembly of the 23d of Decr to effect the Purpose of which, we most earnestly request your Exertions. Out of the first Money you may collect, we desire you will pay to any of the Recruiting Officers of your County, who may have inlisted Recruits, sixty Dollars for each of them so inlisted, on their producing you a Certificate of such Recruits having been passed by the Lieutenant as effective and, if the Money you may collect is sufficient, to advance to each Recruiting Officer of your County, one hundred and eighty Dollars, and so from Time to Time, advance as they may have expended in such Manner as that each of those Officers may have Cash in Hand ready to pay the Bounty to their Men on their Inlistment, for all which Money so paid or advanced, you are to take Receipts. We are &ca

To the Sheriffs of the several Counties.

[Council to Dashiell.] C. C. 40

In Council 8th Jany 1778.

Sir

We have appointed Messrs John Posley, John Richardson & William Wise to purchase and collect Beef Cattle in your County, for the Use of the Army, with a Power, if the Owners refuse to sell, to seize such on the Sea-Board as may be in Danger of being taken away by the Enemy. We hope there will be no Occasion for the Exertion of this Power, in the Extent of it, but if there should, it will rather prove the Necessity of it, for the Cattle can be desired to be kept in Places where they are subject to be taken by the Enemy, only from a Motive that the Enemy should be supplied with them. If the Gent appointed to collect the Cattle should be opposed by Force and apply to you for Assistance, we request you to call on the Militia of your County and afford them the necessary Support, to carry the Order which, with their Instructions, they will communicate to you, into Execution.

Colo Joseph Dashiell We are Sir &ca

Friday 9th January 1778. C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Dunbar eight Pounds, seventeen shillings per Account passed.

That the Eastern shore Treasurer pay to George Dashiell Two thousand pounds one thousand pounds whereof to be delivered to William Winder junr Ephraim Stevens and Levin Woolford of Somerset County and the remaining one thousand pounds thereof to be delivered over to John Postley, John Richardson and William Wise of Worcester County to be laid out in Beef for the use of the Continental Army.

That the said Treasurer pay to George Dashiell one thousand two hundred pounds, eight Shillings and two pence for Blankets & Expences occasioned by the Insurgents per Bala of Accot passed by the Bd

That the Western shore Treasurer pay to Majr Fulford ninty nine pounds ten shillings for the use of Cumberland Dugan due him on his Bills for Bread furnished the Matrosses in Baltimore per order from William Judah to whom the money is to be charged.

Special Commission of Oyer & Terminer & Goal Delivery for the Eastern Shore according to the late Act of Assembly issued to Talbot County directed to John Goldsborough, John Bracco, Henry Barming, Joseph Bewley and Thomas Harrison of Talbot County.

C. B. Pass granted to Elizabeth M^c^Call of Baltimore Town to go to General Smallwood and from thence into New York if he thinks proper.

Commission issued to William Winder, Peter Waters, John Stewart, Levin Wilson Gilliss Polk, John Williams, Joseph Venebles, John Span Conway, Henry Jackson, Levin Wolford, John Piper, Josiah Dashiell, John Hayward and John Horsey appointed Justices of the Peace for Somerset County also to

Peter Waters, John Stewart, Levin Wilson, John Span Conway and Levin Wolford appointed Justices of the Orphans Court in Somerset County.

Ordered That the Western shore Treasurer pay to Captain William Campbell Thirty Pounds, seventeen shillings and six pence due for Cloathing to that part of his Company formerly Captain Jerome and the further Sum of Eighty nine Pounds eighteen shillings and six Pence for Rations due his Company as per Accounts passed the Board of Accounts.

John White Swift of the State of Pennsylvania being called upon agreeable to an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Maryland entitled "An Act for the better security of the Government" appeared and was examined but could not produce a Certificate of his having taken the Oath prescribed by the State of Pennsylvania and having refused to take the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State and also the Oath to the United States prescribed by the said Act, the said John White Swift is therefore ordered to enter into a Bond of the Penalty of one thousand Pounds with one sufficient Security for his personal Appearance before the Executive Council of the said State of Pennsylvania within Eight Days from the Date hereof and also to return a Certificate from the said Executive Council of his having made his personal Appearance before them within eighteen Days from the date hereof which Bond with Security he hath given.

C. C. 41 [Council to Lieuts. of Somerset and Worcester.]

In Council 9th Jany 1778.

Sir

We are sorry that any of the Militia should take up an Opinion that, in Case of an Invasion or the Enemy's coming into their Neighbourhood they are not compellable to defend themselves, their Property, their Families and their Country, 'til Orders can be given by the Governor and Council for that Purpose. If there should be an Invasion or any Parties of the Enemy should land in your County or Worcester where your Militia might probably get up Time enough to be of Service,

you are to march them or such of them as may be necessary C. C.
immediately, without waiting for particular Orders from us,
and send us an Express immediately We are Sir &ca

To the Lieuts of Somerset }
& Worcester Counties }

Saturday January 10th 1778. C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Laypole one hundred and twenty nine pounds and six pence per Account passed the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to Parket Bork three pounds thirteen shillings & four Pence on acct of his Cart Horses &ca with Artillery Baggage as pr Acct passed the Board

Monday 12th January 1778

Present as on Saturday except Thomas Sim Lee Esquire

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John King six pounds fifteen Shillings for the use of James Maxwell.

Tuesday 13 January 1778

Present as on Yesterday. Thos Sim Lee Esquire attended

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Annis two pounds seventeen shillings and six pence Amot of Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Gordon seven pounds ten shillings due to him for 5 pair of Shoes purchased for the Public and now lodged in the public Store

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Gordon three hundred Dollars for the recruiting Service to be accounted for and to be charged to the third Regiment

That the Commissary of Stores at Annapolis deliver to Cornelius Mills 9 Coats, 9 pr Breeches, 9 pr Stockings 9 Shirts 9 underwaistcoats & 9 pr Shoes for the recruiting Service and to be charged to the first Regiment

That the said Commissary deliver to Thomas Gordon 12 Shirts to be charged to the third Regiment.

Wednesday 14th January 1778

Present as on yesterday except James Brice.

James Hindman Esquire resigns his commission of Treasurer of the Eastern shore which was accepted in the Council.

C. B. James Henderson Esquire elected Member of this Board in the room of William Hemsley Esqr who refused, appeared and Qualified by subscribing a Declaration of his Belief in the Christian Religion and taking the several Oaths required

Orders on the Eastern shore Treasurer of the 9th Instant to Col George Dashiell were this day returned there not being a sufficient Sum in that Treasury to pay the said Orders and it was therefore ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay the said Orders.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Col^{o} George Dashiell Three hundred and seventy five pounds to be paid over to Francis Baker to Purchase Beef for the Continental Army.

Commission issued to Benjamin Purnell appointed Sheriff of Worcester County in the room of William Selby Junr who refused to Act

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to George P. Keeports one hundred and three pounds, eighteen shillings and six pence Amount of Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to George P. Keeports ten pounds ten shillings to be delivered over to John Proctor amount of Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Clement Harrison one hundred and forty six pounds, fourteen shillings and eight Pence Bal^{a} of Account passed.

C. C. 42

[Council to F. Baker.]

In Council Annapolis 14th Jany 1778

Sir

We are much obliged by your Readiness to purchase Cattle for the Continental Army. We send you by Col^{o} Dashiell, three hundred and seventy five Pounds, towards enabling you to get what must be immediately paid for. Pray send forward what you may collect to the Camp, and endeavour to get the Cost & Charges paid by the Commissary of Purchases; shewing this Letter to him will, perhaps expedite your getting the Money.

We are Sir &^{ca}

Mr Francis Baker
Talbot County

C. B. Thursday 15th January 1778.

Present as on yesterday. James Brice Esqr appeared.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Montjoy Bailey nine hundred and forty one Pounds six shil-

lings and two pence to be lodged with John Hanson to be by him delivered over to Col. John Stull for the use of the marching Militia of Washington County due to them per Accounts passed the Board of Accounts. C. B.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jacob Hover seven hundred and fifty pounds to be delivered over to Daniel Hughs Esqr for defraying Expences of Prisoners in Washington County of which Account to be rendered.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jacob Hover two hundred pounds to be delivered over to Col John Stull for defraying Expences of Prisoners in Washington County of which Account to be rendered.

That the said Treasurer pay to Major John Steward one thousand five hundred Dollars for the recruiting Service to be charged to the second Regiment

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Meriken one hundred and twenty Dollars for the recruiting Service and to be accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain Beriah Maybury one hundred and twenty five pounds nineteen shillings and one penny Bal of Account passed the Board and also the further Sum of one hundred pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to James Maynard ten pounds for Expresses as per Account passed the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to Cornelius Mills three hundred Dollars to be expended in the recruiting Service.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Bennett Matthews four hundred & thirty nine pounds one shilling & six pence for & on Acc^t^ of the Galley Independence

Joshua Miles of the Artillery an Invalid who has long been in the Hospital and not likely to be fit for Service is discharged.

[Council to Stull.] C. C. 43

In Council 15th Jany 1778.

Sir

We send you, by Jacob Hoover, two hundred Pounds, on Account of the Prisoners, which, we hope may last, 'til the Commissary of Prisoners shall get his Affairs in this State in a regular Train which we hope will be very soon. We shall be obliged to you to send us your Accounts of the Expenditure of the Money that the proper Charges may be made against the Continent. We shall send up to Frederick Town the Money to pay your Militia for the Accounts sent down, subject to your Order

Col^o^ John Stull. We are Sir &^ca^

C. C. 44

[Council to D. Hughes.]

In Council Annapolis 15th Jany 1778.

Sir.

We send you by Jacob Hoover £750 on Account of the Prisoners, and hope that the Commissary General of Prisoners will take Care, before that is expended, to make a full Provision. It will be well to make a full Representation of the Circumstances of the Prisoners to the Commissary and we request you to do it. We shall send the Money for the Militia to Frederick Town to be delivered to Colo Stull or his Order. We are Sir &ca

Daniel Hughes Esqr

C. B.

Friday 16th January 1778

Present as on yesterday.

Commission issued to Zachariah Forrest appointed Sheriff of Saint Mary's County in the room of James Mills who resigned.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Robert Reynolds Ten Pounds to be accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Bennett Matthews two hundred Dollars on Account of the Galley Independence to be accounted for

Saturday 17th January 1778.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Ignatius Fenwick three hundred and fifty Pounds on Account of the Ship Lydia of which Account to be rendered

That the said Treasurer pay to Charles Wallace Esquire Paymaster two hundred Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Calhoun Esquire three thousand five hundred pounds on Account for Cloathing.

Commissions issued to Edward Hindman appointed Treasurer of the Eastern shore in the room of James Hindman Esqr resigned also to Richard Butler appointed Clerk of Frederick County in the room of Richard Potts resigned.

Monday 19th January 1778.

His Excellency absent. Present, Edward Lloyd, James Brice & J. Hindman Esqrs

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to William Waters one hundred and thirty nine pounds fourteen Shillings amt of Acct passed.

[Gov. Johnson to Laurens.] C. C. 45

Baltimore 19th Jany 1778.

Sir.

Your Favor of the 12th Inst was delivered to me last Friday, I received a Letter also at the same Time, from Messrs Samuel & Robert Purveyance informing me that they had good Reason to believe that Mr Governere of Curasoa was part Owner of the Sloop & Cargoe, and that the Captain was retailing the Salt in very small Quantities at £15 pr Bushel and would not sell it to Ingrossers. Before the Receipt of your Letter, I had been advised by Mr Van Bibber, of the Arrival of this Vessel, that this was her third Voyage and that the Captain, in a former one, refused to sell in Gross and had retailed his Salt at a lower Price than he had been offered for it in large Quantities. The Council and myself thought it best that Enquiry should be made, as to the Property of the Vessel and Cargoe and that, unless the Owners were real Enemies, a Purchase would be much more eligible than a Seizure, especially, as the Scarcity of Salt is not now so great as the Congress seems to have apprehended and I willingly, came here with that View. The inclosed Affidavit and correspondent verbal Information from several of the trading Gentlemen in Town is the Result of my Enquiry. Mr Beakman is known to some of the trading Men here, and has, as I am informed by them and others, been always esteemed, not only a firm but a suffering Whig; what Connexions he has had here, seems to have been with those who are Whigs. The Captain says, that he was employed in the Service of the Congress from New York to Curasoa with a Cargoe, in this Vessel, to make Remittance for Powder sent to New York by Mr Governere, and that Mr Beakman offered her Cargoe of Salt last year to Mr P. Levingston for the Use of the Congress, at two thirds the Price it was sold for at Egg Harbour. Seeing no Circumstance against Mr Beakman but what ought to be equally decisive against every Body else now in Philadelphia, I have forbore to make any Seizure of the Salt, on an Assurance, which I have no Doubt will be kept, that the Congress may have it, if they please, at the common selling Price, which is now 15£ a Bushel, 1000 Bushels at least, will be reserved for an Answer. One Mr John Davis since I began this Letter came in and offered me 200 Bushels, just brought up at £14 a Bushel. Mr William Lux & others have a late Arrival at South Key North Carolina and will engage to deliver 1000 Bushels here as soon as possible, they expect one Half of it within a Fortnight at 13£ pr Bushel. There have been several late Arrivals in North Carolina, Virginia, and in the Inlets on the Eastern Shore, amongst the latter

C. C. 700 Bushels belonging to this State, these 700 Bushels, about 300 at Snow Hill, about 200 at Annapolis and about 150 in the Neighbourhood of this Town, all belonging to this State, the Congress may have at a reasonable Price. Several People expect Salt in, daily and small Quanties of imported and Country made Salt are, every now and then, brought to this Place for Sale. Those who have and expect Salt, seem desirous of giving Congress the Preference and independent of all other Circumstances which would make it more desirable to purchase, the Congress may be supplied in that Way with a greater Quantity than in any other of this. The Council & I are so well satisfied that if the Treasury of this State could possibly bear it, we should immediately purchase 1500 or 2000 Bushels for the use of the Continent, but we have not the Money. If I might advise, it would be, to order the Comm^y to purchase what is immediately wanted here for Cash and, there can be little Doubt but, in a short Time, there will be a Plenty and at a lower Price. A few Days ago, I received a Letter from Mr Richardson in the purchasing Commissary's Department, at George Town; he had borrowed one hundred Bushels of Salt of Mr Hooe & had just been informed that a Quantity which he expected from Virginia had reached a Creek on Potowmack, from whence he might soon get it. I am well informed of large Quantities of Salt expected here, but a Seizure will certainly determine People to stop what they can and prove not only highly prejudicial to the Inhabitants of this State, but prevent Congress from being supplied at so cheap a Rate on the whole, with any large Quantity at the Places by much the most convenient for Carriage

The President of Congress. I am Sir &^ca

C. B. Tuesday 20th January 1778.

Present as on yesterday. Mr Lee attended.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Samuel Wilson three hundred Pounds on Acc^t for Pork purchased of him.

Wednesday 21 January 1778.

Present as on yesterday. Danl Carroll Esquire attended.

Ordered that Major Fulford deliver to Captain Rogers one Barrel of Cannon and twenty pound Musket Powder.

That the western shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Maccubbin seventy six pounds ten shillings amount of Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col John Dorsey one hundred and seventy three pounds, nineteen shillings amount of Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Robert Conway five hundred and seventy two pounds, twelve shillings and four pence as per Accounts & pay roll exam[d] and passed by the Board of Accounts. C. B.

That the said Treasurer pay to Alexander M[c]ffadon recruiting Officer in Montgomery County one hundred and Eighty Dollars for the recruiting Service to be accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Edward Gale five Pounds fourteen shillings and six pence for his Expences going to Baltimore with Capt. Browns Company to be charged to the Continent

In the absence of Capt David this Board has appointed Captain Robert Conway to Command the Conqueror Galley so long as the Enemy remain in the Neighbourhood of this place.

Ordered That Major Fulford deliver 300 Cartridges for the Baltimore Galley

[Council to N. Smith.] C. C. 46

In Council Annapolis Jan[y] 21st 1778.

This Moment two large Ships were discovered standing up the Bay and, from Appearances, at present, they are British Frigates destined higher up than this, most probably, Baltimore Town is their Object. In all Events we have thought it our Duty to give you the earliest Intelligence in our Power of their Movements and, at the same Time request that you will make such Disposition of the Force under your Command as may be best calculated to defeat the Views of the Enemy.

Maj[r] Nath[l] Smith. We are Sir &[ca]

Thursday 22 January 1778 C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Major Fulford 22 yds Linen

That 6 of the four pounders belonging to this State now at Dorseys Works be delivered to William Hammond of Baltimore Town Merchant he having engaged to return Guns of the same size & quality to this State when required

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Col. Worthington one hundred and thirty eight Pounds, one shilling and three pence and also the further sum of four Pounds six shillings and eleven pence per Accounts passed the Board

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph James four Pounds seven shillings and six pence per Account passed the Board

That the said Treasurer pay to Major Fulford four pounds ten shillings for a Gun

C. B. Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Richard Murrow Thirty eight pounds, eight shillings and nine pence due to the Boat Plater's Crew per Account passed the Board

C. C.
Original.

[Smallwood to Gov. Johnson.]

Wilmington January 22d 1778.

Sir.

I received your Favors of the 31st Decemr & 16th Ins Capt Brown & Dorseys Companies have arrived & remain yet at this Post have forwarded Returns of these companies with a Copy of yr first ltr the Resolve & Recruiting Act to General Washington & now with his Directions thereon which for your Satisfaction shall be communicated

You must have been misinformed greatly respecting the supplies of soldiers Cloathing captured there was the Baggage Stores cloathing marque's & Equipages of the Officers of 4 Regiments but not near Soldiers cloathing for one which has been distributed among eleven Regiments stationed here

I have Inclosed you a general Return stating the Quantity & species of cloathing & the number of men wanting in each Regiment this will evince the misrepresentation and point out the Expediency of immediately forwarding Supplies of cloathing & I lament that you will also be so much disappointed in your Expectations of the Army in general being so well supplied when you come to read the inclosed Ltr. from Genl Washington

The sorts of Cloathing most wanting you will observe specified in the Return I am sensible Cloathing the Recruits wou'd forward that service much but this Post being much exposed to surprize necessarily subjects the Troops to extensive & severe Duty to obviate it which cannot be complied with at this Season nor can they annoy the Enemy & intercept their Supplies from the Disaffected in the Government unless they are well clad which were principal objects in taking this Post.

Since the Arrival of the Troops here with the Artillery they have taken two sloops loaden with Provision and a Sloop & an armed Brig principally loaded with Officers Stores, Baggage, Marque's & Equipage but few Articles necessary for the common Soldiery except 500 good Tents & 1000 stand of excellent Arms which are far short of the Quantity we were led to believe at first were in the Brig from the captured officers.

I remain with much Respect

Your Obedt Hble Servt

W. Smallwood

Friday 23d January 1778 C. B.

Present as on yesterday except Thomas Sim Lee Esq.

Captain Maybury is requested to deliver to Captain Conway the spikes that were on board the Defence for the Sloop Molly

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Captain David 38 pair Trousers, 38 pair Stockings, 38 Shirts, 40 yds white linen and 6 Hatts.

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Adjutant Edgerly one pair Shoes and one Blanket on Account of the second Regiment

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Walker 15 pair of Shoes, 10 pair Hose, 10 Hats, 35 yds Check Woollen for Breeches for 18 men and 6 yards white Swanskin.

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Captain Conway one and a half yards Swanskin.

That the Commissary of Provisions deliver to Captain David 4 Barrels Pork 7 Barrels of Bread and 30 lb Candles for the Ship Lydia in Pot° 5 Barrels Bread, 5 Barrels Beef and 3 Barrels Pork for the Galley Conqueror

Saturday 24 January 1778

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to William Courts and Adjutant Edgerly, Everlasting for 2 pr Breeches, Swanskin for 2 Waistcoats, 7 yards Linen with Trimmings for the Breeches & Waistcoats to be charged to them of the 2d Regiment

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Captain Campbell 17 Blankets for his Company.

That Major Fulford deliver to James Williams 30 Balls for a three pounder to be replaced within a Month.

Commission of Letter of Marque and Reprisal issued to Thomas Robinson Master of the Schooner Boat called the Adventure mounting 1 Howitz & 2 Blunderbusses navigated by 7 Men belonging to James Williams & others dated 20th October last.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. Rogers two hundred and thirty seven pounds, fourteen shillings and six pence due to the General Smallwood's Crew per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Chalmers fifty five Pounds, fifteen shillings and eight Pence due the Guard at Cambridge per Account passed

C. B. That the said Treasurer pay to John Chalmers three hundred Dollars for the recruiting Service to be accounted for and the further Sum of twelve pounds three shillings for the use of Richard Brien at Cambridge

Monday 26th January 1778.

Present as on Saturday except James Brice

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Samuel Poole Sixty nine pounds, fifteen shillings to be delivered over to Colo James Wells due him per Account passed the Board of Accounts.

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Lawrence thirty nine Pounds twelve shillings due him for acting as Adjutant to Colo James Wells Battalion per Accounts passed the Board.

That the said Treasurer pay to Captain John David one hundred and ninty seven pounds, ten shillings and ten pence per Account passed the Board.

That the Armourer deliver to Captain David 12 pair of Pistols and 12 Cutlasses for the Conqueror Galley

That the said Armourer deliverer to Capt. Bryan 6 Muskets, 6 Cutlasses and half a quire of Cartridge Paper for the Dolphin.

That Major Fulford deliver to Captain Bryan 25l Cannon Powder and 80 Swivel Balls for the Dolphin

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Bryan 1 pr Shoes

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Elie Dorsey of the 2d Regiment 10 yards Swanskin and 7 yards Linen

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Captain Levin Lawrence of the 6th Regiment 10 yards Swanskin, 7 yds Linen and Trimmings

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. David 24 pr Shoes, 12 yds Swanskin, 10 Hatts and 4 yds Check.

That the Commissary of Provisions deliver to Capt David 1 Box Candles for the Conqr Galley

Tuesday 27 January 1778.

Present as on yesterday.

Joseph Bruff is appointed Collector of Cloathing for Talbot County in the room of James Hindman

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Charles Williamson of Calvert County Six hundred Dollars for the recruiting Service to be accounted for

[Council to R. Harrison.] C. C. 47

In Council Annapolis Maryland Jany 27th 1778.

Sir.

We have to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letters of and of the last inclosing your Account Current against this State, and are uneasy to find you under the Difficulties you mention, by being so considerably in Advance. By the Schooner Chance, you will find, we have purchased of Messrs Vanbibber and Crocket, one Half of that Vessel and Cargoe and refer you to Letters by her from those Gentlemen. You will receive this by the Schooner General Smallwood, Capt Rogers, with the inclosed Invoice. The net Proceeds of this Cargoe & Vessel, for which we hope you will be able to get a good Price, is to be carried to the Credit of this State. We have in View some further Means of making you speedy Remittances. If the Schooner General Smallwood cannot be sold to advantage, we request you to send her back, ballasted with Salt. We are Sir &^ca

Mr Richard Harrison

[Council to Collectors.] 48

In Council Annapolis Jany 27th 1778.

Circular

Sir.

We desire you will forward, without Delay, the Cloathing you have procured for the Army, to Annapolis, and that you will continue your utmost Exertions in buying & collecting what farther may be in your Power. We are &^ca

To the Collectors in Prince George's Charles, St Mary's & Calvert Counties

[Henry to Gov. Johnson.] Original.

York Town Jany 27th 1778.

Sir

The unsettled State which I have been in since I got here, has put it out of my power to answer your Letter of 19th Jany before this Time.

Congress is extremely sorry the Salt could not be procured; at the same Time they highly approve of your Excellency's Conduct, and desired the president to return you and the Council the Thanks of Congress for your respect and Attention to their resolve.

Congress have accepted the Salt you offered, and I expect the president has wrote you fully upon that head; the Commissary is likewise to purchase such quantities as he may think

C. C. necessary; and I am in hopes with what he will receive from you, there will be, a sufficient quantity for the present Demand.

I am sensible of the low State of our own Treasury and I believe I may assure you with truth, that the Continental Treasury here is in a much worse situation. However we have procured a Warrant on Thos Harwood Esqr commissioner of the continental loan office for the State of Maryland for twenty thousand dollars, drawn in your favour for the purpose of recruiting the Army.

The Situation of our Army is truly alarming and unless we can supply it with provisions by some means more effectual than any now adopted, I am afraid they must separate. a Committee is now out for that purpose

The Army is to under go a Reformation Mr Carroll was one of the members of Congress appointed on that Business, but the indisposition of Mrs Carrol called him home, the other Gentlemen that were appointed are now at Camp.

Congress have at length agreed upon the just and equitable Doctrine of Retaliation, which you may see by the enclosed papers.

We have no news. make my respects to the Council and believe me to be Sir

With great respect your very hble
Servt J. Henry Junr

C. B. Wednesday 28 January 1778.

Present as on yesterday

Commission of Letter of Marque and Reprisal issued to John Rogers Master of the Schooner called the General Smallwood mounting four Carriage Guns navigated by 10 Men belonging to the State of Maryland & dated 20 Octr 1777.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut Phillip Casson three hundred and seventy three pounds three Shillings and four pence due his Compy whilst in actual Service per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Downes four hundred and eighty two pounds, seven shillings and three Pence half penny per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Johnson one hundred and sixty eight pounds fifteen shillings for 9 Months Salary as Auditor of Accounts at £225 per annum per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Major James Tootle eighty six pounds nine shillings and eight pence per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Doctr Richard Burgess twenty nine pounds for 58 Days Service as Surgeons Mate to Colo Marbury's Battalion of Militia whilst in actual Service

That the Commissary of Prov° deliver to Capt. Bryan 1 Barrel Beef and 1 Barrel Bread for the Schooner Dolphin. 1 C. B.

[Council to N. Potter.] C. C. 49

In Council Annapolis Jany 28th 1778

Sir

You are requested to purchase for the Use of this State, all the Pork you can possibly procure. Salt shall be sent you upon your informing us what Quantity you suppose may be necessary for that Purpose. You are not to exceed £5 ꝑ Hundred. We are &^ca

Nathaniel Potter Esqr

[Council to W. Lux.] 50

In Council Annapolis Jany 28th 1778.

Sir

Please to furnish Capt Bryan with what Cordage he may want, for the Use of the Dolphin armed Boat.

Mr William Lux. We are &^ca

Thursday 29 January 1778 C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the Western shore Treasurer pay to John Bullen fifty Pounds on Account for making Bags Shirts &^ca

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker Twenty pounds on Account.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Edward Lloyd Esquire two hundred and four Pounds, twelve shillings and six pence for forty seven Days a 27/6 and eighty Days a 35/. Attendance in Council.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut William Judah four hundred and fifty Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Mr Ashmore one thousand Dollars to be delivered over to Donaldson Yates to purchase Beef and Pork for this State also two thousand Dollars to be delivered over to William Merrit Sheriff of Kent County to be by him delivered to the recruiting Officer in that County and also the further Sum of one thousand Dollars to be delivered over to John Bolton to be expended in Purchasing Beef and Pork for the State.

Mr Calhoun is requested to furnish Major Smith with what Cloathing is absolutely necessary and immediately wanting for the Matrosses in Baltimore.

C. C.
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[Council to N. Smith.]

In Council Jany 29th 1778.

Sir.

Lieu^{t} Judah delivered yours of yesterday. Inclosed is an Order to Mr Calhoun to supply you with what Cloathing you will find absolutely necessary for some of your Men. When you call on Mr Calhoun, you must consider the great Demands on us for Cloathing the Soldiers in Camp. You shall hear from us soon relative to your Request about Forage for your Horse.

Maj^{r} Nathl Smith. We are Sir &^{ca}

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[Council to Norton and Beall.]

In Council Annapolis Jany 29th 1778.

Gen^{t}

Please to let us know by the Bearer Jonathan Parker, the Marks Numbers & Packages of the Goods you have in your Possession belonging to this State We are Gen^{t} &^{ca}

To Messrs Norton & Beall.

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[Council to E. Forman.]

Annapolis Jany 29th 1778.

Sir

Your Favors of the 12th & 25th Jany we received by Express and are happy to find that you have made so good a Collection. The Army are in great and immediate Want of it, must therefore request you to have the Cloth and Linen collected by yourself and Mr Bolton, made up into such Cloathing as will best answer for the Soldiers and as speedily as possible. The Purchasers of Cloathing in Queen Anns and some other Counties are directed to send the several Articles collected by them, to your Care, which you will please also to have made up, the whole to be sent forward as speedily as possible to General Smallwood, transmitting here an Account of the Whole as quickly afterwards as may be. Any Monies advanced by you for the Use of the State shall be paid, upon producing your Accounts. Col^{o} Richard Lloyd has Orders from the Governor for the Kettles, to whom they are to be delivered; we know not what passed between his Excellency and Col^{o} Chambers upon this Subject We are &^{ca}

Ezekiel Forman Esqr

[Council to J. Bolton.] C. C. 54

In Council Annapolis 29th Jany 1778.

Sir.

Your Favors of the 5th and 26th Jany by Mr Ashmore, we have now before us. The Cloathing procured by you, we have requested Mr Forman to receive and make up immediately. You will therefore please to deliver every Thing collected by yourself to him. We must request your Diligence in purchasing all the Pork and Beef you possibly can get for the Use of the State, not to exceed £5 a hundred for either. The three Barrels of Pork or Beef & the Bacon now in your Possession belonging to the State, you will send here by the first good Opportunity. Agreeable to your Request, we have sent you, by Mr Ashmore a thousand Dollars and hope great Care and Attention will be paid in Salting and barrelling up the Provisions. We are Sir &ca

Mr John Bolton

[Council to Sheriff of Kent.] 55

In Council 29th Jany 1778.

Sir.

We have sent you by Mr Ashmore, two thousand Dollars, to be paid over to the several recruiting Officers as they may call on you for it. We are &ca

To the Sheriff of Kent County

[Council to D. Yates.] 56

In Council Annapolis 29th Jany 1778.

Sir.

By Mr Ashmore, we have sent you a thousand Dollars for the Purchase of Beef and Pork, and request you will continue to purchase what Quantity you possibly can, not exceeding £5. per Hundred for either. We are &ca

Colo Donaldson Yates.

[Council to P. Letherbury.] 57

In Council Annapolis Jany 29th 1778.

Sir.

Your Favor of the 25th Inst we received, and are happy to find that Recruits are to be procured in your County. Recruiting Warrants were sent some Time ago, to the

C. C. Recruiting Officers and were in Hopes, they had received Money from the Sheriff, to whom we have sent, by Mr Ashmore, two thousand Dollars to be delivered over by him to the several recruiting Officers in Kent County.

Mr Peregrine Lethrbury. We are &ca

C. B. Friday 30th January 1778

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores send his Waggons with 60 Bushels of Salt, to Mr Richardson George Town taking his receipt and that Lieutenant Gale go with the said Waggon and Salt

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to William Banfield Walker one thousand eight hundred and eighty four pounds, seven shillings and six pence for 201 Bushels of Salt purchased of him for the State

That the said Treasurer pay to Robert Reynolds eleven pounds, fourteen shillings and two pence for going Express per Acct passed.

Mr Calhoun is requested to Let Col. Stone have one ps blue Cloth fifty one pair Shoes, thirty pair Stockings, 20 pair Leather Breeches, eleven hatts and fifty Shirts for and on Account first Regiment.

C. C. 58 [Council to I. Fenwick.]

In Council Jany 30th 1778.

Sir.

Yours of the 18th is just come to Hand. The Galley left this some Days past to meet your Vessel, according to appointment, with the Stores required. We would have you proceed to meet the Galley. We shall be under Difficulties in sending hands from hence & hope you will be able to procure them. We shall, in a few Days send to you at Smith's Creek where, we hope you will be. We are &ca

Capt Ignatius Fenwick.

59 [Council to W. Geddis and others.]

In Council Jany 30th 1778.

Gent

Your Letter of the 12th Inst by Express, we have now before us, and in answer to your Queries, we think you ought to make the Allowance to the Officers who have advanced

Money to the Soldiers that deserted, unless it appears to you that the Money was imprudently or improperly advanced. Vouchers are to be produced; where they cannot, the Accounts are to be proved. You may be informed by Mr Forman, what is the Pay of the Officers & Soldiers. The Allowance for Rations here, is ten Pence per Ration. Mr Forman was furnished with Money some Time ago for the Payment of the Eastern Shore Militia. We are &ca C. C.

To William Geddis, Jos. Nicholson and Donaldson Yates Esqrs

Saturday 31st January 1778. C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Col. Edward Lloyd two thousand six hundred and eighty nine pounds ten shillings per Acct passed the Board

That the said Treasurer pay to Francis Baker one thousand Dollars to be expended in purchasing Beef Cattle for the Continental Army.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Jeremiah Baker Forty eight pounds, fifteen shillings due him for waggonage and the further Sum of Fifty three Pounds, five shillings for the use of Benjamin Mava due him per Account passed.

Monday 2d February 1778.

Present as on Saturday except Thomas Sim Lee Esqr James Brice Esqr attended

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Charles Carnan two hundred and seventy eight pounds, sixteen shillings and five pence for the use of the Soldiers Delight Battalion of Militia in Baltimore County as per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Francis Rawlings sixty nine pounds five shillings for Beef Purchased of him for the State per Account passed

That the said Treasurer pay to John Wilmott junr eighteen pounds five shillings for riding Express per Account passed

That the said Treasurer pay to John Annis two pounds, five Shillings for burying a Soldier per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson Junr nine pounds to pay for Sundries bought for the Council to be accounted for.

Ordered That Colo Martin at Snow Hill deliver to Thomas Richardson or his Order 325 Bushels Salt for the Continent.

C. B. Tuesday 3 February 1778

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Mayo Thirty four Pounds twelve shillings Balance of Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Samuel Davidson fifty six pounds thirteen shillings and ten pence for the use of Sundries per Acc^t passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bullen one hundred and eighty nine Pounds ten shillings per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Buckley fifty four Pounds fourteen shillings and two pence per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Goldsmith one hundred & twenty seven Pounds two Shillings per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Thomas Walker seven hundred & sixteen Pounds, eighteen shillings due the Crew of the Balt^o Galley per Pay roll ex^d & passed.

Ordered That the Western shore Treasurer pay to Isaac Harris one hundred and ninty seven pounds, five Shillings and the further Sum of twenty nine pounds fourteen Shillings and two pence due on two Accounts passed by the Board of Accounts

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Samuel Barber Adjutant to the first Regiment 3 yards Swanskin and Lining for ditto.

Joseph Ennalls Esqr. is appointed Collector of Cloathing for Dorchester County in the room of John Ennalls who is incapable of acting from sickness.

C. C. 60 [Council to J. Chalmers.]

In Council Annapolis 3^d February 1778.

Sir

Your Letter of the 30th ulto was received & in answer thereto, am requested to inform you that the Act of Assembly expressly directs, that all Recruits are to be immediately forwarded to this Place, where Cloathing will be provided for them as fast as possible. You will therefore forward them as quick as possible to Annapolis.

By Order of Council

T. J. Junr Cl. Con.

Indorsed

You are desired to discharge
Wm Jameson from the Continental Services
it appearing to the Council that he ought not
to be inlisted.

Mr John Chalmers
Cambridge.

Wednesday 4th February 1778. C. C.

Present as on yesterday

Commission of Letter of Marque and Reprisal issued to Thomas Steel Master of the Sloop called the General Gates mounting 6. 3 pounders 2 blunderbusses and 6 Musketts navigated by 15 Men belonging to Thomas Steel, William Hammond, Thomas Russell and John McLure of Baltimore dated the 20th October 1777.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Colo John H. Stone five hundred Dollars on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay John Shaw one hundred and twenty three pounds, seven shillings and two pence per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Thompson sixty one pounds seven shillings and five pence for Rent of Houses per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to James Bruce six hundred Dollars three hundred of which are to be delivered over to Isaac Smoot both of Charles County for the Recruiting Service.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Sellman eight Pounds, two shillings and three pence for beef purchased of him by John Crysall.

Mr Calhoun is requested to deliver 30 shirts & 30 pair Stockings for the use of the first Regiment of Maryland Troops.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Captain Massey as much Linen as will make two Shirts and Swanskin sufficient for a Waistcoat

Ordered That the Commissary of Issues let Thomas Sparrow have one Peck of Salt he paying at the rate of seven pounds ten shillings per Bushel.

[Council to H. Hooper.] 61

In Council Febry 4th 1778.

Sir.

Inclosed you will receive a Copy of the Resolve of Congress relating to Prisoners for your Guide. There is a special Court appointed, and the Prisoners will have their Trial when that meets. Mr Ennals is appointed Collector of Cloathing agreeable to your Recommendation. We are &ca

Genl Henry Hooper.

C. B.

Thursday 5th February 1778

Present as on yesterday except James Brice Esquire

C. B. Friday 6th February 1778

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieutenant Colo Samuel Smith one hundred and twenty pounds to be delivered over to Samuel Chestis for 20 Recruits enlisted by him and passed by the Lieutenant of Baltimore County.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut Co Samuel Smith five hundred Dollars for Recruiting to be charged to the 4th Regiment.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Crysall Thirty eight pounds four shillings and ten pence for beef purchased by him for the State per Acct passd

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Clark one hundred pounds one shilling and six pence on Account for Work done to the Galley Independence and the further Sum of Twenty three pounds, twelve Shillings and six pence for Work done to the Galley Conqueror per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Crysall Twenty eight pounds three shillings and nine pence for beef purchased by him for the State

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Colo Samuel Smith thirty Blanketts on Account of the 4 Regiment.

Mr Calhoun is requested to deliver for each Recruit of the 4th Regiment besides the pair of Shoes and Stockings already ordered one pair of Shoes one pair Stockings and also to deliver to Colo Smith for the use of the said Regiment Cloth for 50 Coats waistcoats and Breeches with Trimmings all to be charged to the 4th Regiment.

C. C. 62 [Council to R. Lloyd and others.]

In Council Annapolis 6th Febry 1778.

Gent.

We should be very glad to oblige in any Thing we could with Propriety, but, we are satisfied, Negroes or any other Kind of Property taken by the Enemy, will not be restored, on such Representations of the Dispositions of the Owners as ought to be made. It may easily be judged what kind of Language must be used to obtain Favors. We therefore, will not give any Pass and, are in Hopes, the Assembly will fully indemnify you and other Sufferers, out of the same kind of British Property amongst us.

We are &ca

Colo Richard Lloyd & others
of Kent County.

Saturday 7th February 1778. C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Colo Samuel Hanson one thousand pounds for the marching Militia from Charles County part of the Account allowed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Francis Dallam six hundred & fifty two pounds, eleven shillings and two pence for the use of Sundries in Harford County per Account passed.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Lieut Gale one and a half yards Swanskin.

Monday 9th February 1778.

Present as on Saturday. James Brice Esquire attended.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Stewart seventy three pounds for attending as Commissioner at Fredericksburgh from this State per Acct passd

That the said Treasurer pay to Martin Norris Eighteen pounds eleven shillings and eight pence Expences in bringing Cloathing from Calvert County for the Army per Account passed the Board.

Tuesday 10th February 1778.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Patrick Macgill sixteen pounds due him per Account passed and the further Sum of three pounds to be delivered over to James Macgill for Waggon hire per Account passed

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut William Judah one hundred and thirteen pounds fifteen shillings to be delivered over to Major Smith for wood supplied the Matrosses in Baltimore Town and the further Sum of Thirty seven pounds and six pence for the use of William Davis per Account passed.

That the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County pay to Cornelius Mills recruiting Officer in the same County three hundred Dollars on Account for the recruiting Service.

C. C. 63

[Council to Col. Simpson.]

In Council Annapolis 10th Febry 1778.

Sir.

You will see by the inclosed Depositions of Isaac Sterling and Thomas Moore, that our Enemies have been but too suc-

C. C. cessful in employing a Sett of Villains to recruit in Sussex and the disaffected Parts of this State, our Endeavours will not be wanting to put a Stop to it and bring the Guilty to Punishment.

Isaac Sterling promises to wait on you and you will perhaps be able to secure some of the Offenders who may possibly be passing through your Parts. We are Sir &ca

Colo Simpson Accomack
Virginia

Original.

[Gates to Johnson.]

(Circular) War Office February 10, 1778.

Sir

Enclosed you have a Copy of a Resolve of Congress, directing the Board to enquire into the causes of the deficiences in the department of the purchasing Commissaries, the present state of which, is really alarming. In order to enable us to comply with the directions of Congress, it is necessary to get all the evidence the subject will admit of, as well for present satisfaction, as future Government. I am therefore, to sollicit your immediate enquiry into the situation of the purchasing Department in your State, and that you will be pleas'd to give such Information, both as to men and measures, as you shall think the necessity of the case demands, and if any abuses have arisen, from the men, employed either principally or subordinately, Measures, may be taken for their removal; and if any want of Regulation on public, or private obstructions, has been the occasion of the Languor in the Department, as far as has fallen under your Notice, the proper representation may be made to Congress, who are ready to remedy, when properly informed, of the evil. The Board, would also be happy to receive your opinion, as to what supplies may at this time or in the course of the next Campaign, be drawn from your State, specifying, the species and probable quantitys of the respective articles. The Board have taken the Liberty to address this Letter to you, as they have done to the Governments of the other States, not with a view to any particular Person or Measure, nor with a desire to draw from any State more Provisions or supplies than it is prudent for them to part with, but as they have been placed in a great Department, and do not yet know where the Enemys Operations the next Campaign may point, it is necessary for the Board to know what Abuses prevail, what Regulations should be made in the Provision business, and what resources each State can furnish in case of any emergency or movement of the Enemy; keeping always in view the supply of the Army,

whether it preserves its present Position, or shall move, as the Theatre of war may change. C. C.

I am with the greatest respect
Your Excellencys most obt
hum: Servt
Horatio Gates
President

The Board are desirous to be acquainted what progress Fort Frederick is in, & when, that place will be ready for the reception of Prisoners of War. Your Excellency in circular Letters of the 15 June & 25 Novr last was requested, to transmit a List of all Officers appointed by the State of Maryland in their Continental Regiments. I beg leave to mention, no such List has been yet received.

Wednesday 11 February 1778 C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Daniel Munro three pair Shoes for 3 Recruits enlisted by him and to be charged to the 1 Regt

Commissions issued to Luther Martin of Somerset County appointed Attorney General in the room of Benjamin Galloway who has resigned also to

William Paca, Henry Hooper and A C Hanson Esquires Judges of the General Court.

[Council to W. Gillis.] C. C. 64

In Council Annapolis 11th Febry 1778.

Sir

It is a very unlucky Circumstance that the Commissioners did not meet to adjust the Assessment. The voluntary Payments were relied on by the Assembly as a Fund to carry on the Recruiting Service; we would by all Means, have the principal People applied to and, we flatter ourselves, that many of them will pay in part of their Assessment at least. There can be no well grounded apprehension but that if a Man should pay in more than what he is charged with on his final Assessment, the Assembly will have the Overplus repaid or deducted from his future Taxes. We are Sir &ca

William Gillis Esqr
Sheriff Somerset County

[Council to W. Hemsley.]

In Council Annapolis 11th Febry 1778.

Sir.

We are very sorry that the Conduct of any Set of People should make Protection and Assistance necessary to the Civil

c. c. Officers, in carrying the Laws into Execution, but, where it is rendered necessary, it must be afforded and we request you to give the necessary Aid, of the Militia under your Command, to enable the Sheriff to collect the Substitute Money. A Like Opposition was made in Baltimore, and also in St Mary's but, in both Places, it was quieted by vigorous Measures. We think it would be proper that Affidavits should be made of the Opposition given to the Deputy Sheriffs with the Circumstances attending it and that one or two of the Justices of the Peace should issue Warrants against the Principals, at least, for the Riot; a prosecution & an exemplary Fine might produce Salutary Effects. If you are apprehensive that the Opposition will be too general for you to go through with it, we would, on being so advised, send you a few of the Matrosses and a Field Piece or two, tho' we much rather chuse not to employ a Regular Soldier in enforcing the Laws, if the Business can be done without them. We are Sir &^ca^

William Hemsley Esqr
L^t^ of Queen Ann's County

66 [Council to T. Wright.]

In Council Annapolis 11th Feb^ry^ 1778.

Sir.

We are sorry that so many of the Gentlemen of your County have a Disinclination to serve in the necessary Departments of Government. The Gentlemen who have the Spirit and Virtue to act at this Time, when our Country claims the Exertion of all her Sons according to their respective Abilities, may be assured their Recommendations will not only be treated with Respect, but oblige us and the issuing of half a Dozen new Commissions will be no considerable Trouble. We, some Time since, issued a Special Commission to Talbot County. The Depositions & Papers respecting the Tories, we believe yet remain in your Hands or in the Hands of some of the Gen^t^ named in the first Commission which was issued: will you be so obliging as to seal them up and send them to Mr Bracco, by some Person you can confide in? the sooner you do it, the better. We are Sir &^ca^

Turbutt Wright Esqr

67 [Council to F. Lewis.]

In Council Annapolis 11th Feb^ry^ 1778.

Sir.

We have six four Pounders which belonged to the Defence, we believe, very good, and their Carriages compleat. The

Congress may have them with the Carriages, for the Price such would sell for at Baltimore, of which, we presume, you may be easily ascertained. We have no other four Pounders that we can spare with any Convenience. We had some Guns made at Dorsey's Works for fours, but they carry a Shot of 5lb and upwards. Perhaps we could make out your Number with them, if we can, the Congress may have four of them, but, 'tis likely they are too heavy for your Purpose. C. C.

The Honble Francis Lewis. We are Sir &ca

[Council to J. Calhoun.] 68

In Council Annapolis 11th Febry 1778.

Sir.

Sterling and Moore have been examined before us and we have caused their Depositions to be taken. The Accounts we have from our Troops, makes us very anxious to forward what Cloathing we can, to them, we have packed up what we have here, though it will be but a small Relief, and shall send it off in a Boat, we expect, Tomorrow. Pray get what you have ready also packed up, the Boat is to call on you. Colo Smith writes that he shall take the Leather Breeches instead of the Cloth ordered for Breeches, but we should not have given him an Order for them, had he mentioned them, we cannot furnish all the Troops with Leather Breeches and, so far as they will go, we design them for the Sergeants and request they may be packed up and sent for that Purpose. The Matrosses were furnished with Leather Breeches, but it was to prevent their waiting for others. Pray get all the Cloaths made up as quick as possible. Colo Smith writes, that a great Many may be very soon done there. Let us know, before your Stock is made up, the Price, and whether done to your Satisfaction, as we may employ the same People whilst we have any to make. We are Sir &ca

Mr James Calhoun.

[Council to S. Smith.] 69

In Council Annapolis 11th Febry 1778.

Sir.

No Misunderstanding on our Part occasioned the Order to deliver you Cloth to be made into Breeches as well as Coats. You urged the Expedition with which you could have the Cloaths made up and that by that Means, the Cloathing for the whole, would be the sooner done. We knew there were some Leather Breeches but there are not enough for all the

c. c. Troops nor can enough be got for them. We are desirous of treating all equally and shall direct the Leather Breeches to be delivered to the Sergeants, as far as they will go, and request they may be left for Mr Calhoun to send with what other Cloaths he has ready. A Boat will call at Baltimore in its way to the Head of the Bay in a Day or two, which will be a good Conveyance for what Cloaths you have for your Regiment. Besides the Order of the Assembly that the Commissions given out by the Governor and Council should be dated in April, your Brother's Appointment, from any Thing we can find was so late as 20th February, we therefore cannot fill up the Commission as you desire. The Reason, we imagine, why Mr Reiley's Commission bears date the 10th Decr is, that he was then, or a few Days before, appointed and Commissioned by the Commissioners Mr I. Smith being a first Lieutenant in the Matrosses may be of Weight in settling his Rank and as he has given up his Commission, we inclose you a Certificate of his appointment We are Sir, &c.

Colo Saml Smith

Original.

[Gates to Johnson.]

War Office 11th Febry 1778

Sir.

The inclosed Letter from, Colo Charles Beatty, Lieutenant of The County of Frederick, will convince Your Excellency of the Necessity of immediately Ordering a proper Detachment from the Militia, to Guard the Prisoners of War now in Frederick Town. By a Resolve of Congress of the 21st Ulto all the prisoners of War are directed to be put into close confinement, until The Enemys Generals shall think proper to Abate of their inhuman Rigor, to our unfortunate Brethren in Their Hands. this being The case, I cannot see how the request of Col. Beatty, to let some of the Prisoners in Frederick Town go out to work with the Country Inhabitants, can be complyed with. The Other part of The Colonels Letter requesting the appointment of an Assistant Q. M. at Frederick, shall without Delay be considered, & will probably meet with the Approbation of The Board.

I am
Sir
Your Excellencys
most Faithfull
Humble Servant
Horatio Gates

His Excellency
Governor Johnson

[Beatty to Gates.]

C. C. Copy.

Frederick town Feby 5th 1778.

Sir.

I take the Liberty to enclose Mr James Hepburns Letter to your Secretary, and a Petition to your Honorable Board. Since Mr Hepburn's arrival, he has been much afflicted with a Rhumatic Disorder, and in my opinion, will not be able to travel for some time. He has behaved himself during the time he has been under my direction very well. The Prisoners of War now under my direction at this place, are very bare of Cloathing, part of them have behaved well. if the hon^{ble} Board would permit me to let them, who, have behaved well, out to work they could get themselves some little necessaries, & be of great use in the neighbourhood of this place; Then, I could manage the turbulent, much better. I have had a great deal of trouble with the last party of Prisoners that came to this place.

The Militia of this County refuse to stand guard any longer, knowing, there is no power to compel them, except the Assembly. I cannot blame the whole of the Militia for part have served several times with alacrity, but finding the whole duty, must lay on a few, they have resolved to do no more than their share, which has put me under the disagreeable necessity of being turnkee, & Guard, myself.

Except, a Continental Quarter Master, is appointed for this place, in order to provide Forage & Waggons, the marching of Troops through, will be much impeded.

I have done the Duty of Town Major, Quarter Master, & Waggon Master at this place without fee or reward, but my slender fortune will not admit the Continuation thereof. the glorious Cause which we are struggling in, has prompt me on, to greater lengths than I ought in Justice to my little Family

I hope you will excuse my urging the necessity of a Quarter Master, at this place for experience has taught me, the Troops will be much impeded in their march for want of Forage and Waggons. I have a further reason for urging it, I intend to leave this place early in the spring, & well know the majority of the people are desirous of being paid for what they do.

I have the honor to be

Your very humble Servt

Charles Beaty

Pres^{t} of the Board of War.

C. B. Thursday 12th February 1778.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieutenant Edwd Gale twenty one pounds, ten shillings & eleven pence his Expences going to George Town with Salt for the Contl Commy to be charged to the Continent

C. C. 70 [Council to Keeports.]

In Council Annapolis 12th Febry 1778.

Sir.

By your Return of Sundries in the Magazine at Baltimore, there appears to be 62 Soldier's Jackets on Hand. You are requested to pack them up immediately and, if there are any Blankets, you will pack them up also and deliver them to Mr Calhoun who is now about sending Cloathing to the Army, amongst which they may go. By Order of Council

F. J. Cl. Co.

Mr George Keeports.

71 [Council to S. Smith.]

In Council Annapolis 12th Feby 1778.

Sir.

We wrote you yesterday, by Mr Judah, and gave you Reasons why we could not date Mr James Smith's Commission as you requested. Inclosed you have Copies of two Resolutions of Congress, about filling up Commissions and Rank. It would seem as if there could be little Difficulty in passing an Order that the Maryland Officers should rank amongst themselves according to the Rank established by the Assembly, except in two or three Instances, which were generally esteemed improper and which the Assembly would have corrected, had the Gent not been quite tired of the Subject. We are sending some Cloaths from hence, your Blankets go up with them. The Boat is to call at Baltimore for what Mr Calhoun has; his Stockings added to what we have must be divided. We think your Cloaths had better go up in the Boat and your Men too, it will save a great Deal of Fatigue, to the Head of Elk.

We should gladly send you the Money you want, but it is not in our Power, there's not £1000, we are sure, in the Office. Do press the Sheriff to request a few Gent to pay in Part of their Assessment, there is no other Fund. We have just received Advice that there are two Men of War in Patowmack and that they have taken the State Ship Lydia.

Colo Saml Smith. We are Sir &ca

Friday 13th February 1778. C. B.

Present as on yesterday

John Randall of the City of Annapolis is appointed Commissary to procure supplies and Distribute them to the Quota of Troops of the Army agreeable to a Resolve of the General Assembly passed the 13th December last.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Henry Madley eleven pounds for coming Express from Colo Barnes to the Govr and Council

That the said Treasurer pay to John Randall one hundred pounds on Account he being appointed Commissary to procure Supplies and Distribute them to the Quota of Troops of the American Army.

That the said Treasurer pay to Joseph Brashears Three pounds for Waggon hire per Account passed.

[Council to R. Barnes.] C. C. 72

In Council Annapolis 13th Febry 1778.

Sir

We received yours of the 10th last Night. Nothing is left in our Power, with Respect to Capt Fenwick, but to endeavour to get him and his People back again. We have got Prisoners enough taken in Merchant Vessels to exchange for the Lydia's Crew, but they are at a Distance from hence and it will be several Days before they can be sent down. If the Men of War are not already gone down, we request you to send a Flag on board and desire the Captain to send Fenwick and the Crew on Shore, for whom we will send a like Number of Prisoners of equal Rank, on board the Man of War and you are impowered to pledge our Faith for the Performance, or, if the Capt will not send them on Shore, to desire his Promise that they shall not be sent away 'til we have an Opportunity of sending a Flag, with Prisoners in Exchange. We do not know the Number or Rank of Fenwicks People on Board, if you can ascertain them, please to advise us. Capt David's Galley wants heaving down and several Things to be done to her, we wish her to come up as soon as she can with Safety. The Arms we sent we designed should be and thought were, effective: many of the Public Arms some of them since returned, were then out. It was out of our Power to then send you Arms of one sized Bore or fitted with Bayonets; we had a few with Bayonets but wanting Belts and Scabbards; those you have may be returned and we shall contrive you as many others, though it is next to impossible to get Scabbards and Belts at present. We have seen a Gent lately from Wil-

C. C. mington but we have nothing new from thence, the Army or from Congress. We inclose Capt David's Orders which we wish you to send him and by which you will see that he is to come up or stay, as you may judge best. We are Sir &^ca

Col^o Richd Barnes.

73 [Council to Capt. David.]

In Council Annapolis 13th Feb^ry 1778.

Capt David.

As Capt Fenwick has fallen into the Enemy's Hands, we imagine your Stay in Patowmack will be of no Service and therefore desire, as soon as you think you safely may, you will proceed up to Annapolis, to get the Galley fitted, but, if the Men of War continue in Patowmack and Col^o Barnes should think your Stay usefull, on which you are to advise with him, we would have you continue whilst the Men of War remain in Patowmack. We are Sir &^ca

Capt David.

74 [Council to J. Randall.]

In Council Annapolis 13th Feb^ry 1778.

Mr John Randall.

It is our Desire that you should immediately enter on your Charge of Commissary for attending the Maryland Continental Troops and supplying them agreeable to the Resolution of the General Assembly, a Copy of which you are furnished with. We have no great Quantity of Cloathing to put into your Hands, what is ready here, is put into the Tender, with this you have an Invoice of it. The Boat is to call at Baltimore where, it is designed, she shall receive what Cloathing Mr Calhoun has got ready; to him you will apply for an Invoice of it. As you go through Cecil you are also to apply to Mr Joseph Gilpin for what Cloathing he has ready, of whom also take an Invoice or List. The Boat is to go to the Head of Elk or as near it as she can and you are to apply to Col^o Henry Hollingsworth for a Waggon or two, if necessary, to carry all the Cloaths to Wilmington where chief of the Maryland Troops are; advise with him whether a Guard is necessary and, if he thinks it is, send or go to General Smallwood for one. In distributing the Cloaths, take General Smallwood's Advice and Directions. We wish them to be divided as equally as possible. The Leather Breeches and best of the Cloathing as far as they will go, to the non-commissioned Officers. Col^o Stone, for the first and Lieu^t Col^o Saml Smith, for the fourth Regim^ts have drawn some Cloath-

ing here which, we believe, will be a Proportion of the C. C.
Cloathing now ready, so that it is our Desire that nothing of what you now carry up, should be delivered to either of those Regiments, 'til we get an Account of what is received for them, of which we shall advise you. There will be no Possibility of executing your Trust with Justice to the Troops, Credit to yourself or Satisfaction to the Public, but by keeping true and distinct Accounts of the Cloathing received and issued and therefore your Attention and Care in this Point is expected. General Smallwood will, we hope assign a Place of Security to lodge the Cloathing you may receive from Time to Time whilst the Troops are in Quarters, and proper Carriage, when they are in Motion. Any Clothing belonging to this State which may arrive, you are to take the Charge of and deliver out, agreeable to Gen[l] Smallwood's Orders, for which you will apply as Occasion may require. You are to advise us from Time to Time, of your Receipt and Disposition of the Cloathing of what may be wanting and of every Thing else which you may think needfull respecting your Office.

M[r] John Randall.

[Council to Smallwood.]

In Council Annapolis 13th Feb[ry] 1778.

Sir.

M[r] John Randall, who will deliver you this, will lay before you a Resolution of the Assembly and his Appointment & Instructions. We shall be obliged to you to give Orders for the immediate Delivery out of what Cloathing he has, as Justice and the Wants of the Men may require. Some Cloathing we expect is on the Way, if not arrived, from Kent & Cecil and we are busily employed in making up, though the Quantity is not so great or the Quality so good as we wish. Our Part of the German Battalion and the few Men of our old Rifle Companies are also entitled to our Care but we do not know their Situation or how to distribute a Proportion to them. We shall soon send another Parcell to M[r] Randall. We are Sir &[ca]

General Smallwood.

[Council to R. Bond.]

In Council Annapolis 13th Feb[ry] 1778.

Sir.

If you have any musquet Barrels by you, we shall be glad to receive them by this Opportunity; they are wanted and

C. C. may come in our Boat without any Expence. If you send any, send an Account of their Number. We are &ca.

Mr Richard Bond, Cecil.

[Council to H. Hollingsworth.]

In Council 13th Febry 1778.

Sir.

Mr Randall has the Charge of some Cloathing for our Troops, for which he will want Carriage. Be so obliging as to procure it for him and advise him whether a Guard will be necessary; pray afford him what Assistance may be necessary to expedite him. We are &ca

Colo Henry Hollingsworth.

[Council to Massey.]

In Council Annapolis 13th Febry 1778.

Mr Massey.

You are to call at Baltimore and there receive what Goods Mr Calhoun has ready; from thence you are to proceed to the Head of Elk or as near it as you can well go and deliver all the Goods to Mr John Randall who goes up with you. If Colo Smith chuses to send his Cloathing or any of his Men, with you, you are to receive them. Deliver the Letter to Rd Bond near the Head of Elk and bring the musquet Barrels he delivers you, if any to Annapolis. Be careful to prevent any Thing being embezled or wet. We are &ca

Mr Massey.

Original. [Forbes to Gov. Johnson.]

York Town Febry 13th 1778

Sir

I shoud have don my self the honour to have wrote you before now, had I any thing worth communicating. This is to inform you that the appointment of Commershall agents in France has been moved for in Congress, in consequence of Mr Wm Lee's being appointed, a Commissioner, to the Courts of Vienna & Berlin, and of a Letter from Mr Robt Morris, recomending Mr Jno Ross, to succeed his Brother, I put Mr Joshua Johnson in the nomination, and I believe, had Congress made the appointment, he woud have been chosen, but they resolved that the Commissioners in France shoud appoint them, and they are wrote to on the 9th Instt for that purpose, had I known how to have directed to your Brother, I would have wrote him on the Subject.

The Comittee that went to Camp for reforming the Army is not yet returned, nor have we heard from their for some time, the communication being stopt by the River being impassable. The Demands on Congress for money is immence it cant be emitted fast enuff, and I apprehend, the demand, will encrease in proportion to the Emission C. C.

Commissioners appointed in this State, & the Board of War, are empowered to purchase 50000 Bbls. Flour, & all the Pork & Beef they can get, and lay it up in Magazeens, for a supply, in case the Commissary falls short in his purchases, which there is grate reason to fear, their is very grate complaints of his department from every quarter Congres have had noe accounts from Europe since I have been here, Ten States only, are represented in Congress, & one half of them, by one member only Massachusets, New York & Virginia have noe representation, I shall doe my self the honour of writing you when any thing offers worth communicating and am very respectfully

Sir

Your most Obed^t Hble Servt

James Forbes.

Saturday 14th February 1778 C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Provisions deliver to Mr Ashmead five Bushels of Foreign and five bushels of Country made Salt for the use of the Contin^t

That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Crysall two hundred and twenty seven pounds ten shillings and three pence due him per Acc^t passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieu^t Edward Gale two hundred and fifty Pounds to applied in bareing the Expences of himself and two Waggons going to Williamsburgh for goods belonging to the State

That the said Treasurer pay to George Ross Forty three pounds sixteen Shillings and four Pence per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker Eight pounds two Shillings and six pence Balance of Account due him for riding Express to Williamsburgh per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Gordon one hundred and ninty seven pounds due him per Account passed.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to the Defences People 4 pair of Shoes to be charged at 20/. p pair.

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Col^o Stone Thirteen Blankets to be charged to the first Reg^t

Commission issued to Francis King appointed Register of Wills for Calvert County

C. B. This Board agree to rent Mr James Williams's Houses near Severn at the rate of eighty five Pounds currency per Annum. The rent to commence from the 21st January last, at which Time the former Agreement expired and allow for all Damages done according as the same shall be estimated by two indifferent Persons

Commission of Letter of Marque and Reprisal issued to William Kennedy master of the Schooner Swift mounting 1 Howitz and 2 Swivels navigated by 7 Men belonging to Joseph and James Williams and others and dated 19 Oct. last.

C. C. 79 [Council to Norton and Beall.]

In Council Annapolis 14th Feb^ry 1778.

Gent.

The Bearer Lt Gale, goes to Williamsburg with two Waggons, under his Care, for the Linens in your Warehouse, belonging to this State. We shall be obliged to you to deliver them to him. We shall endeavour to ascertain the Goods sent us by Mr Stephenson, but their coming in such small Parcells and Part of the Transactions being in the Time of the old Council of Safety, will render it difficult to be done with the Precision that is desirable We are Gent. &^ca

Messrs Norton & Beall.

80 [Council to Gov. Henry.]

In Council Annapolis 14th Feb^ry 1778.

Sir.

Just before your Letter of the 26th Jan^ry came to Hand, we received the Resolutions of Congress of the 19th for establishing a Communication for transporting Provisions to the Army and sent the Letters to you and the Governor of North Carolina, from Congress, on the same Subject, by Express. The Congress having adopted Mr Buchanan's proposed mode will we imagine, induce you to concur in it, rather than pursue that which you at first intended. The Board of War had mentioned to us a Scheme of transporting Provisions by Water, nearly similar to what had occurred to you and that our Gallies might be useful in the Execution of it. We had no Objection to risking the Gallies but it appeared to us, that it would have been very expensive and very uncertain, as our Gallies draw upwards of eight Feet, with their Provisions, Water and Ballast, and have but little Room for Stowage when but tolerably manned. The Number of Men of War in the Bay and their Activity, confirms us in Opinion, that the

Communication by Water will be too uncertain to rely on and, in all Probability, when the Enemy discover that the Army draws its Supplies through this Bay, the Number of Men of War will be still increased. It appears to us, that the keeping this Bay clear or obliging the Ships of War to keep together, is an Object worthy the Attention, not only of these States, but of Congress, and that, if the Virginia Frigate was laid up and her Crew employed in Gallies for that Purpose, they would be much more usefully employed than they are at present. We have five Gallies now fitted, the Hull of a sixth & seventh almost finished, all very stout but we cannot compleatly mann two. The Assembly, seeing no Likelihood of manning the Whole, directed the two unfinished Gallies to be sold and, if your State or the Congress incline to purchase, we had much rather dispose of them for the Public, than for private use. The Enemy took a fine Tobacco Ship belonging to this State, in Patowmack the other Day, they grow more venturesome than heretofore, and we are apprehensive if not checked, will put an End to the little Trade we have C. C.

Governor Henry. We are Sir &ca

[J. Henry, Jr. to Gov. Johnson.] Original.

York Town Febry 14th 1778

Sir.

Congress a Day or two ago, took up the appointment of commercial Agents, and concluded to refer the same to the commissioners in France Mr Ross and your Brother were in nomination. If you have an opportunity it would be well to write to Mr Johnson. I do not at present know in what part of France he resides, possibly upon inquiry, I may be informed. At this time I do not know of an opportunity but as soon as there is one I shall write to him myself.

Besides our Accounts lately from the W. Indies, we are informed by a Letter from Richd H. Lee to his Brother, that there is a large Snow arrived at York Town 42 Days from Bourdeaux loaded with salt and dry Goods. The Capt and Supercargo say the number of Troops sent to the W. Indies, is certainly very considerable. Among them are a very powerful body of Artillery and two thousand dismounted Cavalry. What the latter can be for puzzles me. These Gentlemen say that altho the utmost care is taken to quiet the minds and Suspicions of G. B. that a war will most certainly take place in the Spring. They further say the Spanish Ambassador, the Duke de Choiseul and Dr Franklin have had frequent and long conferences.

C. C. The state of our Army is critical. Four months pay, if not more are due them, and no money in the Treasury to satisfy their just and reasonable Demands. The press is at work, and attended with all vigilance and care, and has been for some time past & near a million a week is now made, and yet our Demands are greater then we can answer. They come in from all parts of the Continent. The Avarice of our people and the extravagant prices of all commodities, joined with the imperfect management of our Affairs, would expend the mines of Chili and Peru.

For the want of pay, of Cloths, and provisions our Army is decreasing every hour, not by one or two at a time, but from seven to twelve. By a Letter from Col. Smith he tells me some of the troops have been eight Days at different times without meat, and only a bare allowance of flour. The State of Pennsylvania has passed a Law appointing certain commissioners in every county of the State, with full power to purchase or to seize at stated prices all provisions necessary for the Army. These men are subject to the orders of Congress as to the quantity of each article of provisions to be purchased or seized. Besides this the Board of War have Authority from Congress to purchase twenty thousand Barrels of flour and other provisions necessary for the spring. From these resources I expect fifty thousand Barrels of flour, and quantities of other provisions, but to what amount is uncertain. Our commissary Genl does not at this time as I am informed, know that he has five thousand Barrels of pork or Beef. Upon such foundations the existance of our army depends. At whose door this prospect of ruin lies, time will discover.

What think you of Dr Franklins assassination; with some Gentlemen here, the tale has the appearance of probability, with others it is esteemed a fact. I hope both opinions are groundless. His death will stagnate our system in France and probably shatter some of the Doctors flattering hopes of serving his country through the sides of France.

Will the Test go down? will the Law for recruiting our quota of Troops succeed. The Committee at camp I understand will recommend measures for filling the Army, which I expect will not be very agreeable to our people.

N. Carolina has agreed only to part of the Confederation the other States I believe have done nothing with it as yet.

Virginia New York and Massachusetts Bay is unrepresented.

I am Sir your obedient and very h^ble Servt J. Henry Junr

Monday 16th February 1778. C. B.

Present as on Saturday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Colo Stone ten pair of Shoes on Account of the first Regiment

That the Commissary of Provisions deliver to Mr Harrison of Prince Georges County fifteen bushels of Salt for the Continental Army.

[Council to G. Christie.] C. C. 81

In Council Annapolis 16th Febry 1778.

Sir

Mr Wallace laid your Application for Leave to go into Philadelphia before this Board. Nobody has had a Pass into Philada from us, on any Occasion, nor do we think it proper that any of the Citizens of these States should be permitted to go in, to ask Favors of the Enemy. We have therefore refused to assist several People on the Eastern Shore to obtain Leave of Genl Washington to send into Philadelphia after their Negroes, and we hope those who have lost them will be indemnified, without going after them.

Mr Gabriel Christie } We are Sir &ca
Harford County }

[Council to N. Nicholson.] 82

In Council Annapolis 16th Feby 1778.

Sir

There have been several Applications, besides yours, for Leave to go into Philadelphia after Negroes who have been taken away, but we have refused to give any Pass or recommend them to Genl Washington for that Purpose, from the strongest Conviction of the Impropriety of suffering the Citizens of these States soliciting Favors from the Enemy, nor is it at all likely the Negroes would be restored, but by Representations that those to whom they were given up, were friendly disposed towards our Enemies. There is British Property enough within this State to make full Amends for all the Negroes taken away and, we hope the Sufferers will be indemnified, without their going to Philadelphia

Mr Nathan Nicholson. We are &ca

[Washington to Johnson.] Original.

Camp, Valley Forge Febry 16th 1778.

Sir

I do myself the honor of transmitting you this inclosed Letter from a Committee of Congress now here. These Gen-

C. C. tlemen have represented the distress of the Army for want of Provision so fully, and in so just a light, that I shall forbear to trouble you with many observations upon the subject. I shall only add, if the picture they have drawn is imperfect, it is because the colouring is not sufficiently strong. It does not exceed our real situation, nor will it be easy to give you an adequate idea of it.

The only public stores of the meat kind that I can hear of in your State, lie at the Head of Elk. I have sent an active Officer there to day, and I hope with the assistance of Mr Hollingsworth, who resides there, that in the course of a few days they will be transported to Camp: But, should this be the case, the quantity is so small that it will afford but a very short and temporary relief. nor can I find from the most minute inquiry, that the Magazines of this kind, when drawn together and aided by the Supplies of Cattle the Commissary expects to get, will be more than sufficient to support the Army longer than this month. After our prospect of support from him seems to be at an end, or at least it will be extremely precarious.

From this view of matters, and foreseeing the fatal and alarming consequences that will necessarily attend a dissolution or dispersion of the Army, I must take the liberty of solliciting your good Offices, and to request your exertions & to prevent as far as possible, so melancholy a catastrophe, by having forwarded to Camp all the provisions of the meat kind that may be in your power. I know not what resources Maryland may have in this instance, but perhaps thro your means and influence, we may derive no inconsiderable supplies. Not to mention our distresses during the active part of the last Campaign, and that our operations were then much retarded. This is the second time in the present year, that we have been on the verge of a dissolution on this account.

I am sensible, Sir, I have addressed you upon a Subject out of your province. But I am assured, your zeal for the service and wishes to promote it, where possible, will indulge me with an apology, especially when I add that my application is the result of the most painful and pressing necessity

I have the Honor to be
with great esteem & regard
Sir
Your most Obedt Servant
Go Washington

[Dana and others to Gov. Johnson.] C. C. Original.

Camp at the Valley Forge 16th Febry 1778.

Sir

We have the Honor to compose a Committee of Congress appointed to confer with the General upon the Affairs of the Army & with him to concert measures for opening the Campaign with Vigor and Activity. During the Progress of this important Business the critical situation of the Army on the score of Provisions hath filled our minds with Apprehension and Alarm. fed by daily supplies and even those uncertain we have to fear a total Want. Some Brigades have not tasted Flesh in four Days and the Evil great as it is seems rather to increase than diminish. The Commissaries inform us that they have not only met with great Difficulties in purchasing Provisions in your State but that they cannot even transport what they have purchased for the want of Waggons & the like. Whether these apologies are justly founded we will not presume to say but this is certain that upon an early Transportation of large Quantities of Provisions to this Camp from the State you preside over the very Existence of our Army depends. Let us then intreat you Sir to exert the full Influence of your Abilities to forward such supplies as may have been already bought up and also to obtain by such measures as you may think most adequate to that Purpose as much as can be spared by the Inhabitants from their own particular Consumption We have the Honor to be

respectfully, Sir, your most obedt & humble Servants

Francis Dana John Harvie
Nathl Folsom Gour Morris

Tuesday 17. February 1778. C. B.

Present as on yesterday. Thomas Sim Lee Esquire attended.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Sim Lee Esqr seven hundred and seventy four Pounds, five Shillings and eight pence half penny to be delivered over to Buchanan & Cowan due on Account for building a Galley per Acct passd

That the said Treasurer pay to John Green Three pounds and also the further Sum of two pounds seven Shillings and nine pence due per Acct passed

That the said Treasurer pay to Rignall Duckett twenty two pounds ten Shillings as Surgeon's Mate to the 11 Battalion of Militia prince Georges County whilst in actual Service per amount of Account passed by the Board of Accts

C. B. Commission of Letter of Marque and Reprisal issued to Collier Fountain master of the Sloop Peggy mounting Six Carriage Guns and six Swivels navigated by 25 Men belonging to William Spear and others of Balt° and dated 19 Octr 1777.

C. C. 83 [Council to Justices.]

In Council Annapolis 17th Feb^ry 1778.

Gen^t

We wrote a few Days ago to Mr Turbutt Wright, desiring him to send by a safe Hand, the Papers respecting the Insurgents which, we expect, he has done. The Adjournment of the Court seems to us not only proper but, as Things have turned out, necessary About the Time of issuing the Special Commission, we appointed Mr Benj^a Galloway Attorney General and had no Doubt of his acting, but he has since declined that Office we have been very solicitous to get it filled to the Public Satisfaction, but the Gent^n of the Bar have shewn great Backwardness to undertake it. We have appointed Mr Luther Martin of Somerset, but whether he will accept or not we do not know. We send his Commission by Mr Baker, who is to forward it by Express; his Answer cannot, probably, be known to you or to us, before the Court is to meet according to your last Adjournment, wherefore we think it would be best to adjourn the Court again 'til a few Days after the first of March, by which Time, you will have got your immediate hurrying Duties off your Hands and Mr Martin's Resolution may be known. We write him to advise you of it, as well as

To the Justices of the Special Court on the Eastern Shore } Gen^t &^ca

C. B. Wednesday 18 February 1778

Present as on yesterday except Daniel Carroll Esquire.

The Revd Mr John Bowie has his District enlarged from Queen Anne Town with Patuxent to Nottingham from thence with the road leading to Col° Sim's and from thence with the road to Upper Marlborough

C. C. 84 [Council to J. Calhoun.]

In Council Annapolis 18th Feb^ry 1778.

Sir

We have not received Accounts from Many of the Purchasers of Cloathing of the Quantities they have collected but

are apprehensive we shall still be deficient, Wherefore we c. c.
request you will purchase Cloth sufficient for about two hundred or two hundred and fifty suits and have them made up as soon as you can. We shall be also obliged to you for a General Account or List of what you have purchased and an Account of what thereof you may have delivered, to enable us to have a View of the whole of this Business and give the Assembly the Information they will expect & may be necessary on the Subject. We are Sir &ca

Mr James Calhoun
Baltimore

[Council to Gates.] 85

In Council Annapolis 18th Febry 1778

Sir.

We had no Intimation of the least Probability of the Army's wanting Provisions, 'til our Rec't of a Letter from the Board of War dated the 31st of Decemr; on the Contrary we expected, from Reports that Salt was on its way from the Eastward and the Price of Pork &ca as advertised by the Commissary, induced us to believe a plentiful Supply would be got on cheaper Terms than Purchases could be made in this State. We have had very little Intelligence from the Purchasing Commissary, nor have yet, any Account of the Persons employed by him in this State, though we hoped to have been furnished with it. It will be impossible for us to observe, personally, the Conduct of the Purchasing Commissaries throughout this State: so far as it comes within our Notice, if reprehensible, it shall be remarked on with Freedom. We believe the chief Reason of a Deficiency in the Purchase is the very late Season at which it was begun on such Terms as would induce People to sell their Provisions and, as we have understood, the Expectation of getting only 52/6 for Pork induced the back People who used to bring their Hoggs into this State, to drive most of them into Virginia. We believe, from what we have heard, that no unusual Quantities of Pork have been purchased & salted up, unless in Baltimore Town where, we have lately heard, some avaricious People have been ingrossing. If you will be so obliging as to inform us of the Quantity desired, from this State, we have no Doubt of the Assistance of the Assembly which is to sit in about ten Days, to get the Provisions which have been ingrossed & such others as can be spared by the Inhabitants. We should not delay seizing what belongs to Ingrossers but from the Certainty that they cannot be consumed or removed before

c. c. the Assembly sits. Any Guess that we can make, as to the Quantity, will be very uncertain though there are yet some Beef & Pork which we learn is chiefly falling into the Hands of the Continental Purchasers. Several People on Patowmack River who have Fisheries there, would willingly contract for considerable Quantities of salted Shad of the large white Kind; from two to, perhaps four or five Thousand Barrels might be got, about half a Bushel of Salt would, as we are informed, be sufficient for a Barrel containing about 200 Fish, their Heads being cut off. The Congress must find the Salt which, we suppose, might be got up from South Key in Time: it appears to us, a large Quantity of those Fish might be a great and agreeable Relief to the Army, but the Contracts ought to be made soon, to give the Undertakers Time to get Things properly disposed, especially to procure the Barrels. If the Board of War should think proper to make the Attempt, Mr Thomas Richardson of George Town, will be as proper a Man as any in this State, to make the Contracts on this side of Patowmack, and another Person about Alexandria ought to be employed on the Virginia Side, but each to be confined to his own Side. If barrelled Herrings would be useful, great Quantities might be got, at and in the Neighbourhood of Charles Town on the Head of this Bay. We had taken such Measures as we thought would have furnished Guards for the Prisoners; we gave Orders for inlisting for six Months only and, if that failed, to require a Proportion for a few Weeks, of each Battalion of Militia; but both have failed. Col^o Beatty has had a great Deal of Trouble, and we have been uneasy at the situation of the Prisoners; we shall try the Expedient he mentions, though in a Conversation with the Governor, he seemed to be of Opinion that the Militia would not serve on Guards, tho' it should discount for the Time they are to serve in Classes. Our Militia Law does not expressly oblige them to serve on Guards and we are not very fond of giving Orders that may or may not, and probably will not be obeyed, but shall, in this Instance, and lay the Defect of the Law before the Assembly. We have not, lately, heard from Fort Frederick: the Distance is so great we cannot hear often and expected that Mr Daniel Hughes had corresponded with Mr Boudenot on the Subject, but, from the Information the Governor had about a Fortnight ago, we expect it is by this Time nearly ready to receive the Prisoners. Guards and Provisions will be necessary there. Inclosed is the Roll of the Officers in the Maryland Troops, some of them were appointed by the Commissioners who were sent to the Camp, some by the Council of Safety, some by the Assembly and some by the Governor & Council and in many

Instances, the Officers acted under Recruiting Warrants before their Appointments. Minutes of the Warrants & Appointments have not been kept, with such Regularity as is desirable. Those Rolls are the best we can make from tracing the Minutes and we send Copies of them to Gen[l] Smallwood with a View that if, from the original Recruiting Warrants in the Hands of the Officers, Dates of Commissions or Appointments, there ought to be any Corrections, he may remark it to the Board of War. We have the Honor to be &[ca] C. C.

The Hon[ble] Horatio Gates
Presid[t] of the Board of War

[Council to Luther Martin.] 86

In Council Annapolis 18th Feb[ry] 1778.

Sir.

We inclose you a Commission to be Attorney General which we wish you to accept of, and hope that the Appointment of M[r] Galloway who has resigned, will not alter your former Resolution which, we hope and have no Doubt, was formed from a Desire of contributing to the Public Service. There is now a Commission to be executed in Talbot, for the Trial of the Eastern Shore State Prisoners. The Court stands adjourned to Monday the 23[d] Ins[t] but as your Answer cannot well be expected by that Time, we have requested the Justices to make a further Adjournment 'til about or a little after the first of March. If it is agreeable to you to act, we shall be glad that you'll immediately go to Talbot and, we expect your Time will not be mispent in looking over the Papers which we have ordered into M[r] Bracco's Hands, and be so obliging, if you do not act, immediately to write to him and

Sir your obed[t] Serv[ts]

Luther Martin Esq[r]

Thursday 19th February 1778 C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That M[r] Crysall deliver to M[r] Baker 12 Bushels of Salt for the use of this State

That the Armourer put up on board of M[r] John Gibsons Boat 150 Stand of Arms last Imported to be delivered to Col Birkhead Lieut of Talbot County for the Use of that County.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Francis Baker two hundred and fifty pounds eighteen shillings and five Pence amount of Account passed by the Board for the

C. B. Purchase of Pork &ca and also the further sum of one hundred and fifty Pounds on Account to be expended in the Purchase of Pork

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas B. Hodgkin one hundred and eighty four pounds fifteen shillings and six pence half penny for his Salary as per Account passed by the Board of Accounts.

That the said Treasurer pay to Edward Fox twenty eight pounds eleven shillings and four pence half penny for his Salary as per Account passed

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas McKeel five hundred pounds to be delivered over to Colo Nathaniel Potter on Account to be expended in purchasing Pork for the use of this State.

That thirty Bushels of Salt be sent in Bags in Gibsons Boat for Mr Potter to cure Pork for the Public.

C. C. 87 [Council to Sheriff of Montgomery.]

In Council Annapolis 19th Febry 1778

Sir.

There has been a Representation of the Circumstances of Basil Glaze whose Effects are distrainable for Substitute Money, and his Father Samuel Glaze and his Family, in so strong and favourable a Light by several Gentlemen of Montgomery County that, we have no Doubt the Assembly will stop the levying the Money. We therefore request you to stay the Execution, 'til we have an Opportunity of laying the Matter before the Assembly. We are Sir &ca

To the Sheriff of Montgomery County.

88 [Council to J. Nicholson.]

In Council Annapolis 19th Feby 1778.

Sir

We have immediate Occasion for the Schooner Dolphin and should be glad you would return her as soon as possible.

Capt James Nicholson of the Virginia Frigate } We are Sir &ca

89 [Council to G. Dashiell.]

In Council Annapolis 19th Febry 1778.

Sir.

We inclose you a Copy of two Depositions taken here, which shews the Necessity of Vigilance in your Part of the

Country. Immediately on their being taken, we had an c. c
Opportunity and inclosed Copies to Col° Simpson. If Sterling or any of his Party should fall in the Way of the Militia Officers, or it should be in the Power of the Militia Officers to seize any of them, we would have it done, without waiting for Applications to the Magistrates, which may and, in most Instances will, occasion so much Delay, that the Culprits will escape. We hope for the Exertion of the Magistrates and every Friend to the Country to get the Deserters taken up and Sterling's Recruiting put an End to, and, if it is not done, we may expect a serious Piece of Work in your County in the Spring. If the Cattle collected in Somerset & Worcester Counties can be conveniently joined, we think it would be best to send them in one Drove as your Brother proposed, but if it will occasion any Delay, they had better be sent off at once for Genl Smallwood's Troops at Wilmington. No more need go with the Cattle after they are through your County than are just sufficient to drive them and let the Men call on Col° Henry Hollingsworth at the Head of Elk and take his Advice & Instructions; he now purchases for the Continent and perhaps may receive the Cattle there, if he will, every good Purpose will be answered. Pray write him what further Number can be got and he will, we expect take Measures for purchasing and driving them. We had no Doubt but that Capt Dashiell was long ago left at Liberty to give £5. a Hundred for Pork, that being the Price the Purchasers for the Continent are giving and are at Liberty to give and if Capt Dashiell can purchase at that Price or under, you would do well to let him know he is quite safe in doing so. You mention a Gent^n from Virginia purchasing Pork in your Neighbourhood for that State. It is strange it should be so, as there must be a Plenty more convenient within that State; yet if it is really for the State, he ought to be suffered to go on, but this ought to be examined into, and, if it turns out that he is not empowered to purchase for the State of Virginia or the Continent we request you will stop the Pork and the Person too, 'til you can get well ascertained it is not for the Use of the Enemy. We think there would be an Impropriety in any particular Recommendation to the Magistrates by us, on the Subject of the Warrants; we send down the Laws which alone will and ought to influence their Conduct. Our Treasury was in a low State when you went from hence; it is now much lower, so that we cannot advance farther for the Purchase of Cattle for the Continent. We are Sir &^ca

Col° George Dashiell.

C. C. [Council to J. Dashiell.]

In Council Annapolis 19th Feby 1778

Sir.

We imagine the Expences of the Prisoners taken in the Prizes are to be a Continental Charge; the few you sent to Cambridge are all we have and those, we should be glad to exchange for our own People and, if you could think of any Method of getting Wm Merrill as one of them, we should most willingly contribute what we can towards it but, at present, no Way appears to us by which we can effect it. By our last Accounts from the Maryland Troops, they are still in great Want of Cloathing, those you sent up were very useful and the Public and we, are obliged to you for your Exertions the Price was high, though there's no Doubt of your doing all in your Power to moderate it. We understand there have been several late arrivals; if you could get some more Woolens, especially Blanketts, they would be very acceptable. Shoes, Stockings and Blanketts we believe, are the most deficient. Coating too is wanted and Shirting is yet desirable, if the Price is fallen. We are at some Difficulty to get Shoes made, though, we believe not from the Motive you mention to have actuated your Workmen. If the Assembly, on its Meeting, should pass such a Law as in Virginia, and we should be glad they would, we should soon have Shoes in Plenty. If you should have an immediate and good Opportunity of sending the Goods you have purchased or may purchase to this Place, we should be glad you would as we must send to Cambridge for those lodged there. Some Cattle from Talbott have reached Genl Smallwood at Wilmington and were very acceptable. Those purchased in Worcester may be joined, as you advise, with those of Somerset and sent under just such Number of Hands as you think will carry them safely, a little way up, there's no Danger the rest of the Way, or if joining the Droves will make any Delay, we wish the Gentlemen to send them separately. Colo Henry Hollingsworth at the Head of Elk, now purchases for the Continent; let the Drovers call on him, he'll either receive them or advise and if necessary, assist in sending them forward. Pray advise him by Letter, what farther Number may be bought in your County; we expect, if worth while he'll send down for them. Our Treasury will not bear further Advances.

Colo Joseph Dashiell. We are Sir &ca

[Council to B. Matthews.] C. C.
In Council Annapolis 19th Febry 1778. 91

Sir.

If your Galley is ready we request you to bring her down without Delay, if she is not, we would have her finished with the greatest Dispatch as her immediate Service is required.

Capt Matthews. We are &ca

[Council to I. Fenwick.] 92
In Council Annapolis 19th Febry 1778.

Sir

We had an Account of the Capture of the Lydia and supposed you had fallen into the Hands of the Enemy. We shall be glad to see you up as you propose. There can be no Justice or Colour for the Claim of the Sailors to the Things saved; those we would have sent to us by Capt David or, if he cannot bring them, have secured. We do not know what Contracts you made with the Seamen, from what passed, we expected you would be obliged to give River Pay; if so, we think them entitled to their Wages or if they had not contracted, they will be entitled for the Time they were in our Service, wherefore we would have you, unless they contracted for the Voyage and had their Advance, and were not by Contract, excluded from River Pay, to settle their Accounts and pay up to the Time of the Capture.

Capt Ignatius Fenwick. We are &ca

[Council to N. Potter.] 93
In Council Annapolis 19th Febry 1778.

Sir.

We have sent by Mr Gibson's Boat, 30 Bushels of Salt to be delivered at Mr Bakers; he was here and promised to forward it to you. You will be pleased to return the Bags to Mr Baker and he'll send them back to us with some he has of ours. We had no Expectation of the Congress relying in any considerable Degree, on this State, for a Supply of Provisions & therefore thought we might have procured the Quantity we wanted in the most convenient Situations, which occasioned our not requesting Purchases to be made so early as we otherwise should have done, but since Christmass, we have been desired to give what Assistance we could to the Continental Purchasers, and left them all the Room we could, without rivalling them. It is yet almost indifferent to us whether the Pork is bought for the Congress or this State and would by no Means raise the Price above £5. We send you £500 to lay out for us. Be so obliging as to procure Barrells. Buy

C. C. what you can, without obstructing the Continental Purchasers and, if you have an Opportunity, engage for any Quantity beyond what this Money will buy, it will be wanted for the State or Continent. You mentioned, when in Town, your Inclination to buy the Dolphin, but the Assembly did not leave us any Power to sell either of the Boats. We are &ca

Nathan[l] Potter Esq[r]

94 [Council to Col. Birckhead.]

In Council Annapolis 19th Feb[ry] 1778.

Sir

We send you by M[r] Gibson's Boat, to be lodged at M[r] Baker's, 150 of the Arms lately imported, for the Use of your County, agreeable to a Resolution of the Assembly. We have not the Cartridges made, and therefore cannot now send them but are in Hopes that, if it should be necessary to use the Arms, the Deficiency of Cartridges may be supplied with naked Bullets or, perhaps better, with mould shot, especially as the People are not used to load with Cartridge. There is no particular Order, as to the Disposition of the Arms, but, if you judge as we do, you will distribute them in the Hands of the Captains who you expect will take the best Care of them.

We are &ca

P. S. We understand that there are only about 12 Barrels of Powder in your Magazine; it cannot be worth while to keep a Guard over so small a Quantity and it is too much to have in one Place, without. We therefore wish you to take the Powder and put it into the Hands of the Militia Officers with the Arms, not breaking the Barrels.

Col[o] Burkhead.

Original. [Washington to Johnson.]

Valley forge Feb[y] the 19th 1778

Sir.

For reasons that will be obvious to you, it is thought the publication of the inclosed address may answer valuable ends; and I beg leave to submit to you, whether it may not serve to increase its effect, if it were ushered into the Papers of your State with a recommendatory line from yourself. If you should suppose there will be any impropriety in this, you will be pleased notwithstanding to commit the address itself to the Printer.

I have the Honor to be
with great respect
Sir
Your most Obed[t] Servant
G[o] Washington

An Address to the Inhabitants of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia. C. C.

Valley Forge 18 February, 1778

Friends, Countrymen, and Fellow Citizens.

After three campaigns, during which the brave subjects of these States have contended, not unsuccessfully, with one of the most powerful kingdoms upon earth, we now find ourselves at least upon a level with our opponents; and there is the best reason to believe, that efforts adequate to the abilities of this country would enable us speedily to conclude the war, and to secure the invaluable blessings of peace, liberty, and safety. With this view, it is in contemplation, at the opening of the next campaign, to assemble a force sufficient, not barely to cover the country from a repetition of those depredations which it hath already suffered, but also to operate offensively, and to strike some decisive blow.

In the prosecution of this object, it is to be feared that so large an army may suffer from the want of provisions. The distance between this and the eastern States, whence considerable supplies of flesh have been hitherto drawn, will necessarily render those supplies extremely precarious. And unless the virtuous yeomanry of the States of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia will exert themselves to prepare cattle for the use of the army, during the months of May, June, and July next, great difficulties may arise in the course of the campaign. It is therefore recommended to the inhabitants of those States, to put up and feed immediately as many of their stock cattle as they can spare, so as that they may be driven to the army within that period. A bountiful price will be given, and the proprietors may assure themselves, that they will render a most essential service to the illustrious cause of their country, and contribute in a great degree to shorten this bloody contest. But should there be any so insensible to the common interest, as not to exert themselves upon these generous principles, the private interest of those, whose situation makes them liable to become immediate subjects to the enemy's incursions, should prompt them at least to a measure, which is calculated to save their property from plunder, their families from insult, and their own persons from abuse, hopeless confinement, or perhaps a violent death.

Friday 20th February 1778 C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Col. Stone four Pair of Shoes to be charged to the first Regiment

C. B. That the said Commissary deliver to Daniel Munro one hat he paying for the same.

That the said Commissary deliver to Maj. Stewart two Blankets for the Recruit of the 2d Regiment

That the Quarter Master provide a Barrack for the Recruits of the 2d Regt and also to supply said Barrack with wood.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Johnson sixteen pounds and six pence half penny for his Salary as one of the Auditors of Accts ꝑ Acct passed

That the said Treasurer pay to William Wilkins one hundred and sixty four Pounds three Shillings and six pence half penny for his Salary as one of the Auditors of Accounts and also the further Sum of Twenty one Pounds for Commission on the money appropriated for the Fortifications at Annapolis per Accounts passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Campbell two hundred and forty Dollars for the Bounty of Six Recruits.

C. C. [Council to T. Richardson.]

95 In Council Annapolis 20th Febry 1778.

Sir.

Capt Conway is just come up from Virginia with the Salt he imported; he has been delayed by the Men of War lying about the Tangiers. This Salt would be very useful for the Army, at the Head of the Bay, where it might now be easily sent without any Risk and the Salt purchased on the Western Shore of Virginia might be sent to Patowmack and of Course, to you, without Danger. Wherefore we think it would be best, if you are or certainly can be supplied in Time without this, to send it forward from hence to the Head of Elk, but if you cannot be otherwise supplied, advise us of it by the Return of this Express, and we will send the Salt to you. Mention to us also how you succeed, and those you have employed in the Purchase of Provisions. We have lately received a Letter from the Board of War on the Subject. Is any Person buying up any considerable Quantity of Meat at Frederick Town? we expect a good Deal will be wanted there.

Mr Thomas Richardson
George Town. } We are &ca

96 [Council to J. Chalmers.]

In Council Annapolis 20th Febry 1778.

Sir

The Bearer of this, Adjutant Edgerley of the 2d Regt goes over on purpose for what Recruits you have inlisted, or have

been inlisted by any other of the Recruiting Officers specially C. C.
appointed for that Purpose and yet remain at Cambridge, whether inlisted for the 2d or any other Regt We are desirous of having them over as they may be cloathed, their Provisions regularly issued and they instructed in the Military Exercise. If the Officers of any of the Regiments, for which Recruits have been raised, have already received the Recruits, we do not desire such to be sent to us. We should be well pleased to let the three old Men you mention off, upon the young Men's inlisting, if we could be satisfied that they were not some of the Principals in the late Insurrections, but without being well satisfied of it, we do not incline to release them on any Terms. We are &ca

Mr John Chalmers.

Saturday 21st February 1778 C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Colo Stones Recruits, as fast as raised one pair Shoes and Stockings two Shirts, one Coat waistcoat and pair of Breeches, by Colo Stones order

Monday 23d February 1778.

Present as on Saturday except James Brice

It appearing that a Boat and Sundry Things in her Part of those mentioned in a List lodged by William Black of Virginia taken by Joseph Middleton & others from Hughes and another Person, presuming the same belonged to the Enemy were truly the property of the said William Black & that the Sum of £50 or thereabouts in the Hands of Major Fulford taken from the Persons on board the said Boat was the produce of the Effects of the said William Black, sold by them

It is therefore Ordered that the said Boat Money and Effects be delivered to William Black Junr son of the aforesaid William Black according to his request in his Letter of the 23d Day of January last.

Joseph McClane a Soldier in Colo Griffiths Regiment was taken at Fort Washington the 16th Nov^emb^r 1776 and returned the 20th March 1777 having received his pay to the 20th December 1776 being entitled to his Pay to the Time of his return by the Certificate of his Capt. There being no board of Auditors to pass the Account in the usual Manner and it appearing that the Claim is just It is therefore Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to the said Joseph McClane seven Pounds ten Shillings due him for three Months pay defecient.

C. B. The Number of British Prisoners in Frederick and Washington Counties ordered by Congress to be closely confined rendering it absolutely necessary that there should be sufficient Guards over them and the Magazine in or near Frederick Town being of great Consequence to this State ought also to be well guarded and the endeavours of this Board to procure sufficient Guards having failed and the Board of War having requested that a proper Detachment may be ordered from the Militia to guard the Prisoners of War now in Frederick Town, Therefore this Board does order that the Lieutenant of Frederick County call forth one Company of Militia to consist of sixty non Commissioned Officers and Privates with their proper commissioned officers of the first class of the Militia of that county to serve as guard over the Prisoners in Frederick Town and the Magazine which now is or immediately is to be removed to the house lately built for that purpose near Frederick Town. And further that the Lieutenant of Washington County call forth one Company of Fifty non Commissioned officers & Privates with their proper commissioned Officers of the third Class of the Militia of that County for every one hundred and fifty British Prisoners confined in that County to serve as a Guard over those Prisoners The pay and rations of the Militia so employed are to be the same as if they served in the field. The Time of service two months unless sooner discharged And any Time they shall so serve shall be discounted out of the Time and Term they are by Law compellable to serve in Classes.

C. C. 97

[Council to H. Hollingsworth.]

In Council Annapolis 23d Febry 1778.

Sir

We send you, for the Use of the Continental Army, by the Bearer upwards of 600 Bushels of Salt. Receive, measure and pass your Receipt for it. Delay the Boat as little as may be. We desire you'll return the Baggs, if you can possibly do without them, if not, mention them also in your Receipt. One of the Virginia Gallies is on its Way for the Head of Elk, with Salt, but it is likely it will be some Time before she gets up. By a Letter received yesterday from Genl Washington, you cannot be too diligent in forwarding Provisions to him and in purchasing. There are yet some Cattle in Worcester County; the Money we advanced was short, and we cannot advance more. Is any Body gone down, on that Business.

Colo Henry Hollingsworth

We are &ca

[Council to Col. Beatty.] C. C. 98

In Council 23rd Febry 1778.

Sir

We inclose you a Copy of a Letter from the Board of War dated the 11th Inst of the Resolutions of Congress respecting the Prisoners transmitted to us, and an Order of this Board for a Guard. We wish it may be effectual, though from our former Endeavours having failed and the Conversation which passed between the Governor and you on the Subject, we are apprehensive it will not. The Defect of the Militia Law, in this Particular, will be laid before the Assembly, who are alone capable of making a Competent Provision. Some of the Officers who are Prisoners, were desirous of Permission to go to York to obtain the old weekly Allowance and to put Things on such a Footing as to get Cloathing, but you'll see by the Resolutions of Congress, that they have stopped the Allowance and that no such Indulgence is to be permitted. If any of the Gent have a Mind to write open Letters to Genl Howe for Necessaries, it would be proper to forward them to Genl Washington who will doubtless send them in and permit their Friends to relieve them with Cloathing. Be pleased to forward the inclosed Letter to Mr Hughes, by the first Opportunity.

We are &ca

Colo Beatty.

[Council to D. Hughes.] 99

In Council Annapolis 23d Feby 1778.

Sir.

Inclosed you will receive a Copy of a Letter from the Board of War, of the Postcript to another, and of the Resolutions of Congress, respecting the Prisoners of War. We also inclose you an Order for a Detachment of the Militia to keep Guard over the Prisoners, though we are doubtful whether it will have the Effect we wish it. The Matter will be laid before the Assembly and we hope the Defect in the Law will be remedied. We shall be glad to know what State Fort Frederick is in, whether Provision is made for the Prisoners and Guard, what Number you are likely to have and what will be wanted. We imagine that the Continental Agents are to lay in all Provisions and hope it is, in great Measure, already done. A Letter from you would be very acceptable. Write also, on all Points to the Commissary General for Prisoners.

We are Sir &ca

Colo Danl Hughes.

C. C.
Original.

[Gates to Gov. Johnson.]

War Office Feb^{ry} 23rd 1778.

Sir

The Board have been favoured with your Excellency's Letter of the 18th inst & I am to express the due Sense they have of the Attention you & the Honourable Council have been pleased to pay to their several Requests on the Subjects mentioned in your Letter. We believe the Limitation of the Price of Pork operated strongly against our procuring it, & that the Commissary General with the best Intentions has injured rather than promoted the Business in this particular. Where Prices are limited they ought to be generous & to fall in with the Avarice of the Times in some Degree in order to check its Progress rather than to attempt the tearing it up by the Roots. There is so much to be said on both Sides this Question of limiting or leaving Prices to regulate themselves that it is difficult to determine which is right. At present the Wants of the Army must be supplied at any reasonable Price & we are happy in perceiving that your Excellency & the Honble Council are making those Exertions for its Assistance this Board expected from your known Zeal & Patriotism. We are obliged to you for your Advice as to Fish & it is so necessary that every Wheel should be set in Motion to get forward the great Machine that the Board would have closed with a less practicable Proposal than this. The Gentleman you mentioned is employed in the Business of procuring Shad on the Maryland side & Major Herbert is empowered to procure them on the Virginia Side of Potowmack. The Board have written to Col. Henry Hollingsworth to superintend the Bussiness of procuring Herrings at Charlestown & I am to entreat your Assistance to these Gentlemen or either of them where necessary, The obtaining Salt will be the Difficulty as they should not interfere with that Article if wanted for Pork; but as the Season for this will be soon over they may e'er long appropriate the whole they can obtain for curing of Fish. The Board lament the Unwillingness of the Militia to guard the Prisoners; but the yeomanry of the Country will be humoured. The Prisoners having heard too soon of the late Resolves of Congress for retaliating are escaping fast to the Enemy & even some Officers have gone in to General Howe & made the fitting up Fort Frederick a Pretext for their Breach of Honour. A general Exchange is however agreed upon between Generals Washington & Howe which will it is presumed be carried into Execution unless the Arts of the Enemy again elude it. We should be prepared at all Events. But as the Enemy will gain more Strength by the Exchange than will be added to ours, considering all Circumstances, it is

presumed it is a desirable Object with them. We shall how- C. C.
ever have a Ballance & therefore would be happy to be favoured with the Result of the Application to your Assembly & as Mr Hughes has not, to our Knowledge corresponded with Mr Boudinot, the Board will be obliged by any new Information your Excellency & the Council may be enabled to send us with Regard to Fort Frederick & the Guards & Provisions you may order to that Post.

Accounts from Camp of the Scarcity of Provisions still continue to alarm us. Their supplies are irregular & very scant. Whole Brigades have within this Fortnight gone entirely without Meat & great Part of the Army has only half a Pound of Pork in Seven Days p Man. The Soldiers are of course mutinous & dissatisfied nor have they the comfort of being clad so as to resist the cold. These are circumstances the more distressing as we have the greatest Reason to believe from the Decay of the Enemy's strength & the little Prospect they have of Reinforcements; that if we could encrease our Numbers & make one Grand Effort the Liberties of our Country might be effectually secured by the Destruction of its Enemies. I do not wish to add to a disagreeable Catalogue but I am to mention to your Excellency that our Stock of Lead is extremely low. A Quantity was requested from your State but none has arrived from thence except about Eight Tons which was Continental Property. I enclose a Copy of a Letter from Col. Scammel the present, to Col. Pickering the late Adjutant General, for your Excellency's private Information.

I have the Honour to be with
great Respect your very
obedt Servt
Horatio Gates
President

His Excellency Govr Johnston

Tuesday 24th February 1778. C. B.

Ordered That Mr Crysall deliver to Chs Wallace Howard one Barrel Turpentine lent him to be returned in a few Days.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Samuel Mead one of the Deputy Collectors of Cloathing in Ann Arundel County one hundred and eleven Pounds.

That the said Treasurer pay to Peter Clark of the third Regimt of Continental Troops one hundred and twenty Dollars to be expended in the Recruiting Service & charged to that Regiment.

That the said Treasurer pay to George Hardisty nine pounds for the use of Thomas Gordon for 5 pr Stockings & 1 pr Shoes sent into the Public Store at Annapolis by him.

C. B. Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Benjamin Chambers one hundred and twenty nine pounds twelve Shillings for 144 Gallons Whiskey furnished the Galley Conqueror and the State Boats by order of this Board.

William Hopper Sheriff of Caroline County having resigned, Commission issued to Nathaniel Potter returned 2d on the list.

C. C. 100

[Council to A. Faw.]

In Council Annapolis 24th Febry 1778.

Sir.

We suppose the Cloathing delivered to Colo Price is for his Recruits, only his Regiment will have a Proportion delivered of what we have sent to Camp and we would, by all Means, have you proceed in purchasing, so as to cloath the Recruits as they may be brought in. We wish you to send your Account to us, of your Purchase and Delivery of Cloathing as we may lay it before the Assembly. If you should be in Advance, as it is likely you are, we can then send you Money and we hope by that Time, an additional Sum. The Affair of the Barracks will be mentioned to the Assembly

Mr Abraham Faw

We are &ca

C. B.

Wednesday 25th February 1778

James Brice and Daniel Carroll Esquire attended.

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to Isaac Dobson eleven Pounds for coming Express from the Justices of the especial Court to the Govr & going Express with a Letter from the Governor and Council to Luther Martin Esquire of Somerset County.

That the said Treasurer pay to John Wilmott Junr six Pounds for going Express to Richard Thompson of George Town on the Continental Business to be charged to the Continent.

Certificate given to Daniel Carroll Esquire for 55 Days Attendance in Council up to this Day inclusive

C. C. 101

[Council to Bracco and others.]

In Council Annapolis 25th Febry 1778.

Gent

Whilst Mr Baker was here, Mr Waggaman of Somerset, who lives near Mr Martin, called on his Way from Baltimore and as he was going by Water with a fair Wind, we gave him

Mr Martin's Letter, expecting he would have very soon got it but he was taken in his Way down, was afterwards retaken by the Dolphin and is now here. Mr Martin's Letter and Commission are gone in the Vessel in which he was taken, to Baltimore. We send, by the Bearer, a Copy of the Letter &ca to Mr Martin, which he promises to deliver. We are &ca C. C.

P. S. The Letter for Colo Simpson was sent to him by the same Persons who made the Depositions, & one of them, the first Deponent promised to deliver it as soon as he got down, they must have thrown the Letter away because of the Contents.

To Messrs Jno Bracco, H. Banning & Jos. Bewley.

[Council to Luther Martin.] 102

In Council Annapolis 25th Febry 1778.

Sir

We inclosed your Commission in the above by Mr Waggaman. He was taken in his Way down, again retaken by the Dolphin Tender to the Frigate, and came here this Morning. The Letter & Commission went in his Chest to Baltimore. We send you another Commission. The Court is adjourned to Monday the 9th of March. If you act the sooner you go to Talbot, the better. We are &ca

NB. Copy of the original sent.

Luther Martin.

Thursday, 26th February 1778. C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Mr Edgerly four Shirts four pair of Shoes four pair Stockings & three Blankets for three Recruits of the second Regiment.

[Council to C. Lowndes.] C. C 103

In Council Annapolis 26th Febry 1778.

Sir

Capt Coursey waits on you about the Remainder of the Rigging for the Chester Galley. We are very desirous of getting her fitted and wish you to expedite it and send it to Elk Ridge. The Delay and Risk in sending a Boat round, we wish to avoid. We are &ca

Christopher Lowndes Esqr

C. C.
104

[Council to J. Bolton.]

In Council Annapolis 26th Feb^ry 1778.

Sir.

Please to send, by Mr Tucker's Boat, what Pork you may have purchased for this State and the old Provisions you had on Hand with a Memorandum of it. We are &^ca

Mr John Bolton
Chester Town

C. B.

Friday 27th February 1778.

Present as on yesterday.

It appearing from Accounts lodged by Andrew Stigar that the Public is considerably indebted to him which Accounts cannot now be settled It is ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to the said Andrew Stigar Three hundred Pounds on Account.

C. C.
105

[Council to F. Baker.]

In Council Annapolis 28th Feb^ry 1778.

Sir.

Send by the Bearer Mr Massey, what Pork and Beef you may have by you ready Barrelled, we want it to send forward.

Mr Francis Baker. We are &^ca

Original.

[Dana to Johnson.]

In Committee of Congress

Moor Hall 28th Feb^ry 1778

Sir

The Cavalry of our Army requires the most vigorous exertions to be put on so respectable a Footing as to enable us to meet the Enemy the ensuing Campaign on equal Terms. Experience hath so fully demonstrated the Value and Importance of this Corps not only to the Ease and security of the Troops in the Field but to the Protection of the faithful Inhabitants of the Country whose Persons and Property are exposed to the Depredations of the Enemy that we are of Opinion there is no Part of our Establishment which so strongly applies to the Feelings of the People and calls for greater Attention. Under every Disadvantage which a new raised Corps always labors & especially in a Service entirely new this Body hath performed the most essential Services during the last Cam-

paign. What may we not therefore now expect from them C. C.
when Experience and Acquaintance with their Duty has qualified them to discharge it. When we are become better acquainted with the Character of Officers and the men are more familiarized to Danger and Discipline. We promise ourselves Sir the greatest Advantage from a decisive Superiority in Horse in the open Country where the scene of Action will probably lie and are the more anxious on this Subject as the Enemy are evidently increasing their number by every means they can devise purchasing and stealing Horses for the Purpose wherever they can be found. They have already formed two Troops of Tory light Horse who are chiefly employed in Kidnapping those civil officers who are distinguished for their Activity in executing the Trusts reposed in them by Government. The Consequences of this to our infant States are too obvious to need Enumeration. We are sorry to say they have lately had such Success as will probably encourage their Progress in this mischievous Business and extend it very far unless they meet with some seasonable Check. We apprehend therefore your Excellency and the Gentlemen in Authority with you will fully concur with us in the Propriety & necessity of recruiting this Corps with all possible Dispatch & favor us with your best assistance in so doing. The Regiments are nearly completed with
natives of the Country whose Time of service in the Infantry having expired readily reinlisted in the Horse. These men inured to Fatigue, Danger and Discipline have only to learn the special Duties of that Service and will form excellent Dragoons. The great Difficulty under which the Service labors is the want of Horses and saddles to mount them. On the one Hand to wait the tedious Process of collecting Horses in the common mode of Purchase by employing either Officers or Agents uncontrouled by any immediate Authority will occasion great Fraud and Delay. On the other Hand to use Force in any Degree appears oppressive and leaves such lasting Discontent in the minds of the Sufferers as not only sours and disaffects them to the general Interests of the Country but to the particular State where the Exaction is made. We have been therefore extremely solicitous to find some Expedient to reconcile their clashing Duties, an Expedient which may provide for the pressing Exigence of the Service without wounding too deeply those Feelings and Attachments which all men have for their Property in a greater or lesser Degree. At Length Sir as the safer and more effectual mode we have concluded to rely on the Wisdom and public Spirit of the Gentlemen in Authority in this and the neighbouring States and to request their Exertions in the following Mode. We have made a Calculation of

c. c. the number of Horses and common Country Saddles and Bridles proper for the Cavalry which may be had from Virginia Maryland Pensilvania and New Jersey respectively. The State we suppose will then calculate what number the several Counties can furnish by a reasonable Assessment and then appoint proper Persons in the County to purchase them on the best Terms they can always attending to the following Description. That the Horses be sound and clean limbed not less than 5 years old this Spring nor exceeding 12 Geldings at least 14½ Hands high and not less than quarter blooded. We do not limit any Price either as a Purchase Money or Compensation to those employed in the Business because we presume they will be men of Integrity & Property who besides the Interest they have in common with us that the publick Expences be not causelessly enhanced will have a due Regard to their own Characters. In order to provide for Payment it is proposed that a number of Loan Office Certificates be lodged with the executive Authority of the States to be paid on the 1st May under such Limitations and Checks as will most effectually guard against Fraud or Mistake. The whole Account to be finally settled between Congress and the State when the Business is compleated.

The number estimated for the State of Maryland is three hundred and fifty which we believe will not appear by any means too large for the Resources of your State which has with a laudable Care cultivated a valuable Breed of Horses for a long Time past. We doubt not but on this occasion your Excellency and the Gentlemen of the Legislature will favor us with a continuance of those Exertions the beneficial Effects of which we have already experienced.

We greatly regret that this Business has been so long delayed and fear the Service will suffer in Consequence of it as some time is necessary to train the Horses before they can be brought into the Field. We hope therefore it will receive all possible Forwardness from the Gentlemen who are to take it up as the Utility of the measure will depend greatly on Dispatch.

We are Sir
Your most obedient
and
humble Servants
Fra. Dana.
by Order

P. S. We must request that the persons who may be appointed to make the purchases, be directed from time to time to make returns of their doings in this business to yourself, and you wou'd please to order a general return to be made to the Quarter Master General, and also to the Board of War

Monday 2d March 1778. C. B.

Pt as on Friday Thomas Sim Lee Esquire attended

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Charles Wallace Esqr Paymr one thousand Pounds on Account.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Thomas Johnson Junr sixty two pounds ten shillings for three months Salary due him the 20th ffebry last

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt Benjamin Harwood four Pounds fourteen Shillings and ten pence due part of his Independent Company of Mila whilst in actual Service per Account passed.

Joshua Merikin, James Townly Rigby, Jarson Jones & Zachariah Tucker of Ann Arundel County took the Oath of Fidelity and support to this State according to the late Act and Certificates given.

Commissions issued to Elijah Robosson appointed Col. James Tootel Lieut Col. Joseph Merikin Major, Joseph Maccubbin Capt Francis Cromwell first Lieut, Caleb Hazle second Lieut, Richard Robosson Ensn Philemon Warfield Capt. Lancelot Warfield first Lieut. Thomas Warfield second Lieut, Joseph Warfield Ensign, Vachel Gaither Capt Abraham Anderson first Lieut, Stephen Bassford second Lieut, Thomas Fowler Bassford Ensign, John Boone Capt Benjamin Fish Ensign Caleb Owings Capt. Richard Cromwell first Lieut Joshua Merikin second Lieut, George Hammond Ensign Charles Boone Capt. Stephen Boone first Lieut, Nichs Shepherd second Lieut, William Bishop Ensign, Nicholas Worthington Capt. Henry Bateman Junr first Lieut John Sears second Lieut and Caleb Burgess Ensign, of the severn Battalion of Militia in Anne Arundel County also to Thomas Dorsey Col. John Dorsey Lieut Col. Edward Gaither Major Andrew Ellicot Capt. Joseph Evans first Lieut, John Burgess Capt. John Worthington Dorsey Cap. Thomas Ricketts first Lieut, John Norwood second Lt John Shipley Ensign, Richard Stringer Capt William Spurrier first Lt Benjamin Warfield Capt Henry Ayton first Lieut, Robert Warfield second Lt Charles Warfield Ensign, John Dorsey Cap. Nathaniel Owings first Lt Samuel Brown second Lieut. of Chs Hammonds Co. of the Elk ridge Battalion of Mila in A A County. also to John Weems Col. Richard Harwood Lieut Col. William Brogden Major, Thomas Watkins Capt Samuel Brogden first Lieut John Ijams Junr second Lieut, William Davis Ensign. Thomas Noble Stockett first Lt to Capt Thos Watkins, Samuel Watkins second Lieut, Wiliam Harwood Ensign, Abraham Simmons Capt. Thomas Tongue first Lieut Thomas Morton Junr second Lieut, Abel Hill Ensign. Richard Weems Capt Gideon Dare first Lieut.

C. B. Benjamin Harrison second Lieut. John Chew Ensign Richard Chew Capt. William Chew first Lieut Samuel Chew second Lieut Richard Harrison Ensign. John Deale Capt Benjamin Norman first Lieut William Crandal second Lieut, Roger Phipps Ensign. William Simmons Capt. Aaron Welsh first Lieut Robert Welsh second Lieut & Charles Drury Ens^{n} of the West River Battalion of Militia in Anne Arundel County

Tuesday 3^{d} March 1778.

Present as on yesterday.

It appearing from Accounts Lodged by Brittingham Dickeson that the public is considerably indebted to him which Accounts cannot now be settled It is ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to the said Brittingham Dickeson Three hundred and twenty four Pounds, twelve shillings and eight Pence half penny on Account.

Wednesday 4th March 1778.

Ordered that the Commissary of Stores deliver to Edward Edgerly Adjutant 13 Blank^{ts} 9 p^{r} Shoes, 20 Shirts 17 pair Stockings 9 Coats 14 pair Breeches and 8 Jackets for Recruits belonging to the second Regiment.

Thursday 5th March 1778.

Present as on yesterday.

It appearing from Accounts Lodged by Robert Reid that the Public is considerably indebted to him which Accounts cannot now be settled It is ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to the said Robert Reid three hundred Pounds on Account.

C. C. 106 [Council to H. Hollingsworth.]

In Council 5th March 1778.

Sir

We inclose you the Letter you sent us from the Board of War. You did very right in ordering the Boat to Charles Town. The Virginia Galley, we believe, passed this Place last Sunday and, we suppose, is up with you before this Time. We have received several Letters from the Board of War lately, pressing the seizing of Provisions, we have done nothing to forward or retard it, expecting the Assembly will,

immediately on its Meeting, which was to have been last Monday, give or refuse the legislative Sanction for it: we have been the slower in this Business, as we have no Apprehension that the Provisions can be exported or removed out of the Way, before the Sense of the Assembly can be taken. From what we have understood, the People in general, on the Eastern Shore, are willing to part from their Cattle on Contract, but a very few Days will probably produce a Power to seize those which are along the Water Sides. We shall write the Board of War on the Subject of the Pennsylvania Purchasers coming into our State and, we think you had better do so too, for it is a most ruinous Practice for the public Agents to be bidding against each other. You shall hear from us again very soon after the Assembly meets. C. C.

We are Sir &ca

Colo Henry Hollingsworth.

[Council to Gist.] 107

In Council 5th March 1778

Sir

We are about setling our Accounts of the Expences of the Militia. Three Gent have been employed some Time at Chester Town, on the Eastern Shore Part. Mr Forman writes us that he paid away to you, in the Whole 1435 5/9 Dollars, of which he cannot be able to render a more particular Account. We shall be obliged to you to send us an Account of the Disposition of the Money, to enable a full Settlement of the Accounts, the Completion of which soon, is very desirable.

We are Sir &ca

Colo Mordecai Gist.

Friday 6 March 1778. C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to John Johnson three pounds fifteen shillings for the use of Joseph Dowson per Account Certified by the Commissary.

[Council to Beatty and others.] C. C. 108

Circular. In Council Annapolis 6th March 1778.

Sir

We see by a York Paper received this Day that a Resolution of Congress has passed for collecting the Accounts of the

c. c. British Prisoners, of which we inclose you a Copy, not doubting the Authenticity of it, though we have not yet received the Resolve in the usual Manner from Congress. We therefore request you to furnish us, as soon as Possible, with an Account and the Vouchers, for all the Expences that may have been incurred on your Transactions, agreeable to the Resolve, that we may furnish the Congress with the proper Account from this State in Time. If you know of any Expences paid by this State or for which it is chargeable, though not within your Transactions, we shall be obliged to you to procure and forward the Accounts. We are &ca

To Colo Chas Beatty
Colo John Stull
Colo Danl Hughes &
Mr John Hanson

P. S. To Mr Hanson.

We also request you to transmit us the Accounts and Vouchers, as setled with the Militia who marched last Winter, that the State may have the proper Credit for the Money advanced on that Occasion.

109 [Council to R. Stephens.]

In Council Annapolis 6th March 1778.

Sir

We understand by Mr Chalmers, that some Cloathing has been sent to Cambridge to your Care from Caroline County and expect there is some also from Somerset & Worcester Counties; it is much wanted and we shall be obliged to you to hire a proper Person to bring the Whole over, with the Invoices or Memorandm sent to you with it. Mr Ennalls has or will have, some Cloathing: please to let him know of your sending, that his may come by the same Conveyance.

To Robertson Stephens Esqr
Sheriff of Dorchester County

We are Sir &ca

Original [J. Henry to Gov. Johnson.]

York Town March 6th 1778.

Sir.

Col Samuel Smith arrived here yesterday and acquainted me with the difficulty he met with in the recruiting Service, for the want of the continental Bounty. Upon his solicitation and the prospect of advancing the public Service, I have procured from Congress ten thousand Dollars to be transmitted to you, to be distributed in such proportion among the recruit-

ing officers as you may judge most proper. Col Smith has C. C.
undertaken the carriage of this money, which I hope you will receive in a few Days. It is the earnest request of Congress that the Battalions from each State, should be filled up as early this spring as possible. Maryland I hope will not be backward. The draught of the Militia recommended by Congress I fear will meet with many obsticles in the Legislature. Should that measure fail, I am at a loss to discover what expedient can be fallen upon. The Expedition into Canada is suspended. Gen[l] Burgoyne and two of his officers upon his earnest request to Congress is permitted to embark for England. Enclosed you have a copy of the resolve upon which the ten thousand dollars mentioned above was granted, by which you will see, part of the money is to be applied towards paying the premium for taking up deserters.

I am Sir your very hb[le] Serv[t]
J Henry Jun[r]

Saturday 7 March 1778. C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Commission issued to Charles Jones, Thomas Sprigg Wootton, Edward Burgess Aeneas Campbell, William Deakins Elisha Williams Joseph Wilson, Samuel Wade Magruder, James Offutt, Gerard Briscoe, Richard Thompson, Walter Beall, Henry Gaither John Wilson, George Cullam William Baker and Zachariah Waters appointed Justices of the Peace for Montg[y] County also to Charles Jones, Thomas Sprigg Wootton, Edward Burgess Eneas Campbell and William Deakins Justices of the Orphans Court for Montg[y] County.

Sir,

Information being received that one Elisha Everitt who was inlisted in the Service of this State in the Regiment commanded by Smallwood is a prisoner in Montgomery Jail charged with Horse stealing, you are desired and Authorised to stay any Criminal prosecution against the said Elisha Everitt of or for the said Offence and accordingly enter a Noli prosequi in his favor on his enlisting into the first Maryland Continental Regiment now Commanded by Col Stone

To the Attorney General of Maryland or the Prosecutor of Montg[y] Co[ty] Court.

It appearing from Accounts Lodged by John Chalmers that the Public is considerably indebted to him which Accounts cannot now be settled. It is Ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to the said John Chalmers three hundred and

C. B. forty six pounds nine shillings and six pence on Account for the recruiting Service.

Ordered That the said Treasurer pay to Jacob Hust five pounds five shillings for 1 Rm paper bought of him for the Council.

Robert Eades of Montgomery County took the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State according to the late Act & Certificate given.

C. C. 110

[Council to D. Hughes.]

In Council 7th March 1778.

Sir.

By the inclosed Resolution of Congress, of the 18th of last Month, you'll see we are desired to embody a sufficient Number of Militia for guarding the Prisoners to be stationed at Fort Frederick and to appoint a Commissy to purchase and supply the Militia with Provisions, during their Time of Service at that Post. We received this Resolve but a few Days before the Assembly was to have met and much wished for their Advice and Assistance, but the Badness of the Weather has prevented their Meeting and the Time, in which the Business can be done, is spending very fast; we shall be glad to know the Effect of our former Proposal, that the Service of the Militia, as Guards, should discharge their Turn as Classes and whether the Fort is made fit to receive the Prisoners or when it probably will be ready for that Purpose. We beg you will also advise us who will be the most proper Person to Act as Commissary for the Militia employed as a Guard. Colo Rawlings, in a Conversation with the Governor, expressed an Inclination to have the supplying Provisions for the Prisoners. If his Affairs will allow him to act as Commissary for the Militia, and he would be a good Deal on the Spot, we should incline, all Circumstances equal, to give him a Preference. If you have no immediate Opportunity to Colo Rawlings, nor any Body within your View who you think would do the Business better, we wish you to send an Express to him, mentioning the Resolve and requesting him to come down to us, that we may settle Matters with him, if he will undertake it. Mr S. Hughes promised the Governor to consult who would make the best recruiting Officers in Washington, to set them to Work and advise him of their Names, but no Letter has been received on the Subject; two or three other Gentn also promised to consult & recommend proper People for this Business but have not done it. Do mention who you think would best answer the Purpose. We are &ca

Danl Hughes Esqr

[Council to J. Ennalls, Jr.] C. C. 111

In Council Annapolis 7th March 1778.

Sir.

The Scarcity of Cloathing for the Soldiers makes it desirable to get Cloth dressed or undressed: if undressed the Price ought to be in Proportion and we can, if necessary get it finished or at least scowered, so as to make it more useful. We shall be obliged to you to transmit us an Account of the Blankets furnished Colo Richardson, with his Receipt, that they may be charged to the Continent. Any Cloathing you have collected or may be fortunate enough to obtain, be pleased to send us; and an Invoice with those which have been collected in Somerset & Worcester which are in Mr Stevens's Hands and which we now write to him to send. We have no Idea that the Commn allowed is a Motive with you or any other Gent to do this Business for the Public and wish it was in our Power and the Inclina of Gent in General to make the Burthen more equal by a fair Division of it, but you may be assured we are too often unsuccessful in our Appointments. We are &ca

Colo Jos. Ennalls Junr

Monday 9th March 1778. C. B.

Present as on Saturday.

Hampton Robinson, George Sank and Daniel Seward of Anne Arundel County took the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State according to the late Act & Certificates given

Nicholas Thomas Esquire a Delegate to the House of Delegates resigns his Seat which was accepted by the Council.

Commission Issued to William Paca, Nicholas Thomas and Alexander Contee Hanson Esquires appointed Judges of the General Court and they severally Quallified in Presence of the Governor & Council by taking the several Oaths required.

[Council to B. Matthews.] C. C. 112

In Council Annapolis 9th March 1778.

Sir.

We just now are informed that a Ship a Brig and seven Sloops and Schooners were yesterday beating up the Bay and, in the Evening, were as high as Patuxent; there may be therefore be Occasion here, for your Galley, by the Time you can get down. We have long expected you nor can account for

C. C. your Delay, and require you to push to this Place instantly on your Receipt of this. No Excuse will be admitted.

We are &ca

Capt Bennett Matthews or the Commandg Officer of the Independence Galley

C. B. Tuesday 10th March 1778

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Dawson one hundred and eighty Dollars for the recruiting Service to be accounted for

That the said Treasurer pay to John Gibson Junr twelve pounds on Account

That the said Treasurer pay to John Bullen five hundred Pounds on Account.

Commissions Issued to Barton Lucas appointed Col Thomas Williams Lieut. Colo and Abraham Boyd Major of the Upper Battalion Prince Georges Coty also to Patrick Sim Col Rezin Beall Lieut Col. and Benjamin Hall Maj of the Middle Battalion of Militia in Prince Georges County.

William Cooly, Charles Henwood, Richard Moreland of Anne Arundel County and William Dimnoch of Dorchester County took the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State according to the late Act and Certificates given

Ordered that Joshua Beall Esqr Lieut of Prince Georges County take into his Possession all Arms and Military Stores in Prince Georges County, belonging to this State, an Account of which he is to transmit to this Board and he is empowered to Lodge with each of the Colonels of his County a small Quantity of Powder & Lead that the same may be ready in case there should be a sudden occasion for the same

It appearing from an Account Lodged here by William Goldsmith that the Public is considerably indebted to him which Account cannot now be settled

It is ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to the said William Goldsmith fifty six pounds ten shillings and nine pence on Account.

Ordered that the Sheriff of Prince Georges County pay to Andrew Beall two hundred and forty Dollars on Account of the Recruiting Service.

C. C. Original.

[Henry to Johnson.]

York Town March 10th 1778.

Dear Sir.

Upon the representation of Col. Samuel Smith who was here last week, I obtained from Congress ten thousand Dollars

for the recruiting Service. I sent it by him to you, and I C. C.
expect you have received it before this time. If that sum will not do, I beg you will be kind enough to acquaint me. I am informed the Committee of Congress at Camp have among other States, applied to the State of Maryland for the purchase of a number Horses for the purpose of forming a Body of light Cavalry. If you should approve of the plan or should you lay it before the Assembly, and it is adopted by them; I trust some estimate of the expence will be made that the money may be forwarded from this place. Should the recruiting Service require a greater number of Dollars I believe they may be had.

I believe you need not entertain any fears of the expedition against Canada going forward. The advanced season of the year, and the feeble preparations in that department has effectually put an end to it. I most cordially join with you in opinion, that it is the interest as well as the true policy of this Country to collect their force to a single point by strengthening the hands of Gen[l] Washington. But this I fear will not be the case. It is the opinion of some, and they have weight with a certain class of men, that the whole force of the Enemy will be turned towards the East the next campaign, a military Gentleman in high office supports this opinion. Should it prevail in Congress I think it will injure the middle States in a high degree, as well as the common Cause at large. The Virginia Frigate is ordered to make another attempt if she fails the measure you propose I expect will be adopted.

Virginia will this afternoon offer to ratify the confederation. No other State is prepared. I shall take this opportunity of stating the objections to it, from Maryland, tho I have little hopes of this matter being soon determined. I fear it never will in our favour.

We had intelligence last night of one of our armed Vessels in the Delaware, near Cristeen having taken two Ships and a small sloop of war. We have not heard the Cargoes. I believe this news may be relied on.

Enclosed you have some of the Debates of the House of Lords and Commons. They will amuse you. Twenty thousand additional Troops for the Service of 1778 is voted without a division. With great regard I am Sir Your most

obed[t] and very h[ble] Serv[t]

J. Henry Jun[r]

Wednesday 11 March 1778 C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Robert Kirkland of Baltimore Town took the Oath of Fidelity & Support to this State according to the late Act & Certificate given

C. B. Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Edward Gaither six pounds for the use of Stephen West per Account passed.

That the said Treasurer pay to Stephen Steward six hundred pounds on Acc^t^

Thursday 12th March 1778

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Samuel Mead four pounds ten shillings for 2 pair Stockings and one pair Shoes delivered into the Public Store at Annapolis

That the said Treasurer pay to James Murphy who was of Capt Lucas's Company of Smallwoods Battalion was wounded and taken on Long Island 27 August 1776 and has lost his left Leg, Eight Pounds, eleven shillings and Eight Pence due to the first Day of December 1776 and the further Sum of Sixty six pounds ten shillings due from that time to the first Instant for his Pay by General Smallwoods Certificate given at Wilmington the 6th Ins^t^ on his return Home to be charged to the Continent

That the said Treasurer pay to Col. John H. Stone seven hundred and fifty Pounds, seventeen Shillings and eleven Pence to be delivered over to Col Samuel Hanson for the use of the Militia who were in Service with him being the Balance of the Account unpaid passed by the Board of Accounts the 6 Day of February last

That the said Treasurer pay to Col. John H. Stone five hundred Dollars out of the Money lately sent by Congress for the recruiting Service to be charged to the first Maryland Regiment.

Ordered That William Lux of Baltimore deliver to Stephen Steward 55 fathom 2½ Inch Bolt rope 40 fathom 2 Inch D^o^ and 2 Coils 12 thread ratline on Account

C. C. 113

[Council to J. Nicholson.]

In Council Annapolis 12th March 1778.

Sir.

Mr Sleamaker, on his Return, has called on us and gives us such Information of the Number & Situation of the Ships that we imagine there will be no immediate Attempt to run the Virginia: indeed we think the Chance of getting through so small, that we wish you not to make a Push, if your Orders give you any Latitude. Our Sentim^ts^ on the Subject have

already been mentioned to some of the Gent^{n} of the Congress. C. C.
The Defence's Tender & the Plater have been constantly employed in the Service of the Congress and are like to be so; We also want the Dolphin, chiefly for the same Purpose & request you'll send her down to us. We are &^{ca}

Capt. James Nicholson

Friday 13th March 1778. C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Robert Wheeler of Queen Annes County took the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State agreeable to the late Act & Cert^{a} given

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Massey 2 Shirts, 2 p^{r} Stockings, 1 Jacket & 1 p^{r} Shoes for one of his men & 2 Shirts for himself

Commission issued to William Hopper appointed Sheriff of Caroline County in the room of Nathaniel Potter resigned.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Lieut Edward Wright, sent down by General Smallwood on the Recruiting Service as appears by his Orders of the 2^{d} Inst. five hundred Dollars out of the money lately sent by Congress for the recruiting Service to be charged to the 7th Maryland Regiment, General Smallwood having in those Orders desired an Advance of Money to him for that Purpose

The Reverend John Patterson having been sent to the Governor and Council from the Eastern Shore under Guard and charged with inimical Conduct to this State and it having been represented that his going at Large in the Time of the then Invasion might be dangerous to the Safety of this State, It was ordered by the Governor and Council that he should be kept in safe Custody by the Sheriff of Baltimore County in order that due Inquiry might be made therein. And Whereas no Affidavits or Proofs have been transmitted to this Board against the said John Patterson therefore it is hereby ordered that the Sheriff of Baltimore County discharge the said John Patterson from his Custody.

[Council to N. Potter.] C. C. 114

In Council Annapolis 13th March, 1778

Sir.

We have by this Conveyance, sent over a Commission to Mr Hopper, having just now received your Letters of the 9th & 12th We have Salt to spare, but no immediate Opportunity by which to contrive it to you. Mr Chamberlaine's Salt

C. C. is very dear. Col° Hindman having a small Quantity has given an Order for 12 Bushels which we hope, you will readily get. It is out of our Power to repay you your Advance, but shall be mindful to do it as soon as possible which we flatter ourselves, will be in a few Days. We are &ca

Nathl Potter Esqr }
Caroline County }

[Council to C. Beatty.]

In Council Annapolis 13th March 1778.

Sir

We received your Letter of the 1st Inst only Yesterday. Our Orders, as you imagined, were given on the Presumption that the third & fourth Classes of the Frederick Militia had already served, but as that is not the Case we desire you to call on the oldest Classes which may not already have served in Course, according to their Seniority. We hoped the Assembly would have met before this Time and have either approved the Method proposed for getting Guards, or pointed out some other which they might have thought better.

We are &ca

Charles Beatty Esqr L^t of Frederick County

C. B. Saturday 14th March 1778

Present as on yesterday.

Philip Ford, Gerard Sissell, James Thompson of Saint Mary's County & Isaac Coulbourn of Somerset County took the Oath of Fidelity and Support to the State according to the late Act and Certificates given.

Monday 16th March 1778

Present as on Saturday.

Englehard Yeiser of Baltimore County took the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State according to the late Act & Certificate given

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to John Enright twelve pounds seventeen shillings & six pence for going Express to Hagers Town to be charged to the Continent

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt John Hawkins one thousand Dollars out of the money lately sent by Congress for the recruiting Service to be charged to the Fifth Maryland Regiment.

On Cap[t] Hawkins Application to us, we have thought C. B.
proper to inform you that the Board of Acc[ts] will receive our Directions to allow his receipt for £254 in the Settlement of your Accounts with them.

To Cap. Sam[l] Ridgeway.

[Council to H. Lowes.] C. C.

In Council Annapolis 16th March 1778.

Sir.

There appears to us no Probability of your obtaining your Schooner again, unless on a Discrimination between you and others, which we hope you would not wish to have done in your Favour, and would be very improper for us to contribute to. We have already refused on several Applications to permit People to go to the Enemy to solicit for Negroes taken or run away from them and shall not, by any Means, permit the Citizens of this State to entreat for Favors from the Enemy. We are Sir &[ca]

M[r] Henry Lowes.

[Council to Talbot Judges.] 117

In Council Annapolis 16th March 1778.

Gen[t]

We inclose you the Letters and Papers received from Somerset and Worcester Counties about the 22[d] Sept[r] giving an Account of the Insurrection which was just then suppressed, and Copies of the Letters from this Board to Gen[l] Hooper & Col[o] George & Col[o] Joseph Dashiell, from whence you will perceive the Charge was not a bare Intention to disturb the Public Peace, but for an open and deliberate arming and actually making use of their Arms against us. People may perhaps think the Imprisonment of those Insurgents severe, from the long Continuance of it and may hastily conclude it to be irregular in the Manner of it: but they ought to consider that an Imprisonment in the Counties where those People respectively lived, would have been no way secure nor is it clear that the Justices of Somerset and Worcester Counties could have committed to any other Jails than those of their respective Counties and indeed there is no Jail in this State sufficient without a Guard. It is not unlikely that if Judges of the General Court had been Qualified, the Persons charged would have been ordered before them to examine & discharge or commit, as the Evidence would warrant. There are but three Prisoners on this Shore, Thomas Wright, The Papers

c. c. respecting him are inclosed, Calliloe & Doct^r Cheney, the Evidence respecting the two last are, we believe, amongst the Papers in Mr Martin's Hands, the others of them have been discharged from Custody either on giving Bonds or without, according to the Circumstances. A list of such Persons as had been discharged from Confinement before the Papers were sent to Mr Wright, were, we believe, sent with them. The Treasury is in such a situation at present, that we cannot, as we wish, send the Money to Col^o Birkhead. His Expences and any other incurred, under your Orders, shall be reimbursed and we hope we shall be able very soon to do it. We shall send over Wright, Caliloe & Doct^r Cheney.

We are Gen^t &^ca

To John Goldsborough, John Bracco
Henry Banning, Jos^h Bewley & Thos Harrison Esq^rs
Judges of the Special Court in Talbot County

118 [Council to E. Forman.]

In Council 16th March 1778.

Sir.

Capt John Hawkins has applied to us for Cloathing for some Recruits. We have cloathed such as have been convenient to make Application here in Baltimore & in Frederick, and request you will deliver to each Recruit, on Capt Hawkins or any of the Regular Officers Application a Coat, Jacket, Pair of Breeches, Hat, one Pair of Shoes and two Pair of Stockings, taking the Officers Receipt, that we may have them charged to the Continent. We would not have you keep any considerable Quantity of Cloathing back from Genl Smallwood, as we hope to get Cloathing made as fast as the Recruits will want.

We are Sir &^ca

Ezekiel Forman Esqr

119 [Council to G. Dashiell.]

In Council Annapolis 16th March 1778.

Sir

We are sorry to find, by yours of the 12th that, as you suspected, you are obliged to call on the Militia again. Your Letter will be laid before the Assembly immediately on its sitting which we expect will be in the Morning and we hope effectual Measures will be taken to root out the Deserters and their Connexions. We think with you it will answer no good Purpose to put Arms into the Hands of many of your People

and are of Opinion it would be well to send a Company from above, to be stationed with you as well as a Galley. However Sir as the Assembly can and will, we dare say, advise, we shall chearfully execute the Measures they may think best for your Security. The Lead and Ball of Mr Jackson & Company, which you mention, is very desirable and unless you are pretty well provided, we would have you purchase it. the Price proposed is very high; the last Lead sold that we have heard of was at 2/6 which we thought dear enough, but if you are likely to want, you must submit to give even the 5/. We should be glad the Goods you have purchased were sent forward; the Treasury is not now able to pay for them but we hope to be able soon to take up your Certificates and prevent any Disappointment. If Mr Jackson could wait a while for the Money, for the fine Goods and you could contrive us Samples and the Prices, it is likely we should Purchase them for our Officers. We are &ca C. C.

Colo George Dashiell

Tuesday 17th March 1778. C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Eleanor Riddle to be delivered over to James Webster Thirty two pounds nine shillings amount of Account due him for furnishing Provisions to the Militia of Harford County whilst in actual Service as appears by said Account & Certificates from Richard Dallam Lieut of Harford & Alexander Cowan Colo of the 8th Battalion.

That the said Treasurer pay to William Prew eleven pounds thirteen Shillings and four Pence due him for 1 month & 12 Days Attendence as Messenger to the Council.

That the said Treasurer pay to Forster Maynard Administrator of James Maynard Deceased Thirty seven Pounds ten Shillings for Attendence as Messenger to the Council from the 20 September 1777 to 5 february 1778 at £100 ꝑ Annum and also the further Sum of four Pounds five Shillings & eleven Pence for Sundries bought for the Council and House of Senate as appears by an Account Lodged.

William Frost of Ann Arundel County took the Oath of Fidelity & Support to this State according to the late Act & Certificate given

Ordered That the Sheriff of Baltimore County deliver to Lieut. John Mitinger of Capt. Campbells Company of Matrosses the Body of Thomas Wright detained in the Prison of the said County in order that the same Thomas Wright may be sent to the Special Court held in Talbt Coty

C. B. Mr William Deard of the City of Annapolis hath leave to depart this State for the French or Dutch Islands or either of them or for old France in any Vessel bound to either of those Places and for that end has Permission to pass through this State on his way to either of the Inletts or Virginia

Harford County 14th March 1778.

Sir,

Please to pay to Aquilla Paca Esqr or Order the Sum of Three hundred Pounds Common money and place the same to my Debit on Account of the Purchase of Pork for the use of the State & you'll oblige Sir Your very Hble. Servt Richard Dallam. To his Excelly Thos Johnson Esqr

In consequence of the above, It is ordered that the western shore Treasurer pay to the said A Paca the above three hundred pounds

C. C. 120 [Council to J. Chalmers.]

In Council Annapolis 17th March 1778

Sir.

Lanamore Rumney who you brought hither as a Recruit says that he has not made Choice of the Regiment to serve in, and that he does not know that any of the others have made their Election. Rumney seems rather inclined to serve in the fifth Regiment. Major Steward who passed his Receipt for the Recruits, is not here. Adjutant Edgerly says that the Men were asked if they had any Objection to serving in the second Regiment and that they had none. It may be necessary, in determining which Regiment these Recruits are to go into, to have well ascertained whether they did or did not agree to go into the second Regiment and we request your Affidavit of what passed: and to prevent any Dispute hereafter, you are to mention in the Inlistment what Regiment and Company the Recruits chuse to Serve in.

Mr John Chalmers Cambridge } We are Sir &c

C. B. Wednesday 18th March 1778.

Present as on yesterday.

Robert Reith is appointed Messenger to the Governor & Council

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt. Alex. Turman 2 Shirts, 2 Jacketts, 2 pr Breeches, 2 Hatts, 4 pr

Stockings, 2 pair Shoes, 2 Blankets for 2 Recruits enlisted by C. B.
him for the 6th Regiment and one ps Brittanies for himself

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt Thomas Lansdale for the use of James Atherton one hundred and twenty Pounds for twenty Recruits enlisted by him as appears by a Certificate of Andrew Buchanan Lieut of Balto County

Lieut Colo Saml Smith having received 10000 Dollars of the Congress to be delivered to the Governor and Council and applied to the recruiting Service sent into the Treasury 6000 Dollars part thereof and retained four thousand the residue for the use of the fourth Regiment and having passed his Receipt for the said four thousand Dollars it is ordered that the Treasurer of the western shore give Credit for the said ten thousand Dollars and charge the said four thousand Dollars as advanced to the said Regiment.

Ordered That Capt Gordon deliver two of the two pounders with the Carriages to Capt Martin for the use of Stephen Steward to be returned by him or others in the Lieu of them.

That Capt. Campbell deliver to Capt Martin sixty, two pound Shot for the use of Stephen Steward to be returned by him.

That Richard Murrow deliver to Capt Martin two Swivels from on bd the Plater for the use of Stephen Steward to be returned by him.

Thursday 19th March 1778

Present as on yesterday.

Mark Alexander, Jesse Hollingsworth, Peter Shaw of Baltimore County O'Neal Johnson, Daniel Campbell of Anne Arundel County and Charles Wheeler of Dorchester County took the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State according to the late Act and Certificates given

Ordered that the Commissary of Provisions deliver to James Ritchie ten Bushls Alum Salt in Bags to be delivered to Mr John Smith Brookes for the use of the Continent.

Capt Conway, You are to deliver the Sloop Molly with her Appurtenances to Capt Daniel Deshon who goes Master of her, taking his Receipt on her Inventory. the negro man you Left on board you are to send up in the Boat in which you go down.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Col. Gist for the use of Richard Coughran one of the recruiting Officers in Baltimore County & to be delivered over to him one hun-

C. B. dred and thirty two pounds due to him for recruiting twenty two men at six pounds each.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col° M. Gist one thousand Dollars of the money lately sent by Congress for the recruiting Service and two thousand Dollars of the money of this State amounting in the whole to three thousand Dollars to pay the County of Recruits already raised and to be raised for the third Regiment & to be charged to that Regiment.

That Mr Crysall deliver to Capt. Daniel Deshon one Barrel Turpentine five Barrels Pork, two Barrels Beef and one Barrel Tallow abt 120 lb for the Sloop Molly.

C. C. 121

[Council to W. Lux.]

In Council Annapolis 19th March 1778.

Sir

Inclosed you will receive a Letter which came under Cover to the Governor from the War & Ordnance Office. The Subject of your Letter is mentioned in his. We have never been able yet to obtain an Account of the Public Lead which was in the Baltimore Magazines or what of it remains. We wish you would make Enquiry and, if there now remains more than four Tons, receive one Half of it and send it forward, sending us a Receipt, on the Continental Account, unless any Quantity is to be purchased in Baltimore, and we hear there is if there is it ought to be purchased for the Continent at once and ours kept for our own Use, for we are so short in that Article, that we ordered a Purchase of a Ton or two on the Sea Board at 5/ plb Col° Jos. Dashiell tells us that the Goods purchased by Col° Simpson, are coming by land, as well as ours, to Cambridge, and that it is by no Means adviseable to trust the Goods under your Direction below, by Water.

We are &ca

William Lux Esqr
Baltimore

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[Gov. Johnson to Delegates.]

March 19th 1778.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates

I herewith lay before you a Resignation of the Auditors of Accounts delivered to me in Council the nineteenth Day of last Month. The Council and I, hoping you would have Met, soon afterwards agreeable to Adjournment, thought it most adviseable not to appoint Auditors in their Stead, who could scarcely have proceeded to Business before the Appointment would have devolved on you. Many Accounts have been

brought in and it is highly necessary for the Dispatch of the Business and the Convenience of the Creditors of the Public, that you appoint a new Board as soon as well may be. C. C.

The House of Delegates

Friday 20th March 1778. C. B.

Present on yesterday.

Richard Sprigg Esquire resigns his Office of Chancellor to this State by delivering the Seal to the Governor in Council and at the same Time declaring that he did by that Act of delivering the Seal resign his Office of Chancellor of this State which Resignation was accepted.

John Rogers Esquire is appointed Chancellor of this State and the Seal of this State thereupon delivered to him by the Governor in Council, Whereupon the said John Rogers qualified as Chancellor before the Governor by taking the several Oaths prescribed by the Constitution and Form of Government and subscribing a Declaration of his Belief in the Christian Religion and also the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State and the Oath of Chancellor prescribed by the Act of Assembly.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Captain Bennett Matthews one hundred Pounds for the use of the Galley Independence on Account.

Jonathan Johnson of Ann Arundel County and Benjamin Earle of Queen Anne's County took the Oath of Fidelity & Support to the State according to the late Act & Certa given.

Whereas an Order passed this Board on the 13th Day of this Instant month of March reciting amongst other things that no Affidavits or Proofs had been transmitted to this Board against the Reverd John Patterson requiring the Sheriff of Baltimore County to discharge the said John Patterson from his Custody. And Whereas the said Order was founded on mistake William Bordley Esquire having transmitted to this Board the Evidence taken before him on Oath and also certified the sayings and Speeches of the said John Patterson before him. Wherefore it is ordered that the said former Order be suspended and that the Sheriff of Baltimore County discharge from his Custody the said John Patterson on his giving Bond to this State in the Penalty of one thousand Pounds with sufficient Security to be approved of as such by some Justice of the Peace for Baltimore County Conditioned for his the said John Patterson peacably and quietly demeaning himself and for his not doing any matter or thing against this State or the Independency or Government thereof during the present War with Great Britain.

C. B. Mr Ridgely and Mr Stevenson from the House of Delegates delivers to the Governor the following Resolve.

By the House of Delegates March 20, 1778.

Resolved That the Governor and the Council be empowered to Dispatch immediately a Messenger to Congress requesting a Supply of One hundred thousand Dollars on Account of the United States for the purpose of purchasing Provisions for the Continental Army.

By order G Duvall Cl H. D.

Which said Resolve was thus endorsed By the Senate March 20th 1778. Read and assented to

R. Ridgely Cl. Sen.

C. C. 123 [Council to R. Stevens.]

In Council 20th March 1778.

Sir.

We send Capt. Matthews to Cambridge for all the Public Goods which are lodged there; you'll therefore please to deliver them to the Captain and dispatch him as fast as possible. We are Sir &ca

Mr Robertson Stevens

124 [Council to Laurens.]

In Council Annapolis 20th March 1778.

Sir

We inclose your Excellency a Copy of a Resolve of the General Assembly requesting Congress to supply one hundred thousand Dollars for the purpose of purchasing Provisions for the Continental Army which we beg you will lay before Congress and, we flatter ourselves, that Honorable Body will make the desired Provision. The Assembly are now on a Bill which we hope will be perfected Tomorrow, for immediately collecting what Provisions can be spared from this State on Certificates with or without Consent of the Proprietors and giving the Executive the necessary Powers to answer the Views of Congress, as to the Transportation of Provisions for the Use of the Army but a speedy Remittance of Money to defray the Expences, will greatly facilitate the Business. We have the Honor to be

Your Excelys most
obedt Servts

The President in Congress.

[Gates to Johnson.] C. C. Original.

War Office March 20th 1778

Sir

In a Letter just received from the Commissary General of Prisoners, on his return from N. York, there is the following Paragraph; I long to hear of the finishing of Fort Frederick; I verily believe it will have a greater Effect on the Treatment of our Prisoners, then twenty remonstrances.

The Board cannot answer Mr Boudinot, agreeably to his Wishes, without previously enquiring of your Excellency; whose Answer, they hope, will give full Satisfaction

I have the Honour to be
with great Respect,
Your very obed. Servt
Horatio Gates
President

Saturday 21 March 1778. C. B.

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Richard Murrow ten Pounds on Account for the use of the State Boat the Plater

That the said Treasurer pay to Lieut William Judah four hundred and fifty eight Pounds six Shillings and four Pence Bal. due him per Acct passed the Board of Accounts 29th Jany last.

Ordered The western shore Treasurer pay to James Calhoun Esqr nine hundred pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Capt. Lilburn Williams five hundred Dollars out of the money remitted by Congress for the recruiting Service to be charged to the second Maryland Regiment General Smallwood having in his Orders of the 2d March desired an Advance of money to him for that Purpose.

John Waters, Arthur Coffin of Ann Arundel County, Capt. John Parker William Jenkins, and James Jones of Somerset County took the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State according to the late Act & Certa given

Pardon granted to Joseph Jarvis son of John of Harford County for Man Slaughter.

Whereas it Appears from a Deposition made before this Board that Edward Tilghman son of Edward Tilghman hath gone into Phila then and now in the Possession of the Enemy and hath again returned into this State not having had any Licence from the Governor and Council for his going to Philadelphia. It is therefore Ordered that the Sheriff of Queen Annes County take the said Edward Tilghman the Son if in

C. B. his County and him immediately bring before this Board that he may be dealt with according to Law.

C. C. 125 [Council to R. Dallam.]

In Council Annapolis 21st March 1778.

Sir.

Colo Smith writes us that he is now in want of 20 Blankets & some Shoes and Stockings for Recruits. Be pleased to deliver him the 20 Blankets and as many Pair of Shoes and Stockings: the rest of the Cloathing which you may have collected we request you to send to Baltimore Town, where the Recruits are generally collected and where it may be issued to them with Convenience. We are &ca

Mr Rd Dallam.

126 [Council to Delegates in Congress.]

In Council Annapolis 21st March 1778.

Gent

Mr Howard, the Bearer of this, goes to Congress with our Letter to the President, applying for 100000 Dollars according to the inclosed Resolution. It is not designed that the Collector of the Provisions should wait the Receipt of the Money, but it is very desirable that a Part of it should be sent by Mr Howard and further Sums, as good Opportunities may offer. The Advantages of having Money in Hand are so obvious that we hope our Request will be complied with. Mr Chase is so lately from hence that he can give you all the Information that we can, respecting our internal Affairs.

Delegates for Maryland in Congress. } We are Gent &ca

127 [Council to S. Smith.]

In Council Annapolis 21st March 1778.

Sir.

We think it adviseable to make the Purchase of the Leather Breeches with the Deduction of 30/. a Pair as you mention. We inclose you an Order on Mr Dallam for the 20 Blankets & 20 Pair of Shoes and Stockings, the rest to be sent to Baltimore as indeed we long ago ordered, as to the Whole which might be collected in Harford. We shall not be able we are apprehensive, to comply with your Request by Capt Landsdale, before we get the Goods from Cambridge which were

purchased below & sent thither, we have amongst them ready made Shirts, Shoes & Stockings and some Blankets; Part of the Cloth we shall send to Baltimore. A Galley is gone for the Goods and we hope to be soon relieved from our Difficulties, as to every Thing but Blankets. C. C.

Col° Samuel Smith. We are Sir &ca

[Council to W. Wright.] 128

In Council Annapolis 21st March 1778.

Sir

Inclosed you'll receive a Warrant for the arresting of Edward Tilghman Junr which you are desired to execute immediately

William Wright Esqr
Sheriff of Queen Ann's Coty } We are &ca

Monday 23d March 1778 C. B.

Present as on Saturday except Thomas Sim Lee Esqr

Commission issued to Samuel Handy Esqr appointed Col. in the room of Zadock Purnell Esqr who resigned and William Morris Lieut Col of the Synnepuxent Battalion of Militia in Worcester County

Doct Johnson is requested to Let Doct. Craigg have 250 lb Bark to be charged to the Continent taking his receipt for the same

Joseph Foard and Joseph Meek Junr of Ann Arundel County took the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State according to the late Act & Certas given.

Discharge given to Robert Hurdle of Capt Truman's Company of the Sixth Maryland Regiment of Continental Troops having sore Legs and being represented by Doct. Wallace and Doctr Johnson as not likely to in a long time if at all to become fit for the Service he is therefore discharged he having returned the Cloathing lately received and he not having performed any Service relinquishing all claim to pay.

[Council to I. Van Bibber.] C. C. 129

In Council 23d March 1778.

Sir.

We have an Expectation of having considerably more than £7000 offered for the Defence. We know it was the Idea of many of the Gentlemen of the Assembly that she ought to sell for at least £10000, and if she does not bring full that Sum,

C. C. we think it would be better to freight her for Part of her Cargoe, or to hold her in Partnership. We should have chose one of the Latter, but we are not at Liberty now the Assembly is sitting: we expect they will give Directions about her.

Mr Isaac VanBibber. We are &ca

130 [Council to S. Hughes.]

In Council Annapolis 23rd March 1778.

Sir

We inclose you a Letter for the Governor of New Orleans which you'll seal and, if you see proper, deliver to him. You are sufficiently acquainted with our Wants of Musquets, Blankets, Cloathing and Medecines for our Troops. If any Quantity of either of these Articles of, or through the Influence of the Governor, and a Prospect of getting them up the Ohio to Pitsburg or to North Carolina or Virginia should open, and the Price at New Orleans will justify the Risk and Expences, we request you'll contract for this State, gaining as long a Credit as you can. The best Chance for a Remittance within the Time of your Contract, would be in Flower to the Havannah and perhaps suit the Spanish Government very well. If you should be so fortunate to have it in your Power to contract in a large Extent, to your Satisfaction, we could wish you to purchase as far as 4000 Stand of Arms, as Many Blankets, Cloth for 3 or 4000 Suits for Soldiers 2000lb of Jesuits Bark and 150lb Spanish Flies, but, if any Thing like so considerable, the Risk must be divided. We wish you an agreeable and useful Tour. And are with great Truth and Regard

Mr Samuel Hughes. Sir &ca

131 [Gov. Johnson to Governor of New Orleans.]

Annapolis in Maryland 23d March 1778.

Sir.

Mr Samuel Hughes, a Gentleman of this State and one of our Legislative Body, designing to visit New Orleans, by the Rout of the Ohio and Mississipi; my Acquaintance with and knowlege of him will not suffer me to omit the Occasion of contributing what I can towards his being honored with your Excellency's Notice and favoured, if necessary with your Protection, to which I take the Liberty of recommending him. He wishes with me that a mutually beneficial Intercourse might take Place between the Subjects of his most Catholic Majesty and those of the States of America. The Interrup-

tion of our Correspondence with Europe has distressed us for the necessary Articles to carry on the War against Great Britain, but Heaven has blessed our Endeavours with signal Successes and a Continuance of our Exertions, to which we are spurred by every Species of Insult and Cruelty, we trust, will confirm the Independance we justly and necessarily assumed. I am willing to flatter myself that the Means of supplying, in some Degree, our more immediate Wants in Arms or Cloathing for our Troops, may open, on a Conversation with Mr Hughes and that your Inclination may correspond, if your Excellency should entertain such a Favourable Disposition, any Engagement of Mr Hughes will be acknowleged and made good by this State, with a due Sense of the Obligation. I have the Honor to be

To the Governor of New Orleans. Sir &ca

C. C.

Tuesday 24th March 1778

C. B.

Present as on yesterday. Thomas Sim Lee Esqr Attended.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Captain Beriah Maybury Fifty Pounds on Account.

That the said Treasurer pay to Thomas Sparrow twenty seven Pounds sixteen Shillings and six pence Balance of Account passed by the Committee of Claims

That the said Treasurer pay to George P. Keeports one hundred & fifty five Pounds eleven Shillings and eleven pence due him per Acct passed by the Com of Claims

That the said Treasurer pay to Geo. P. Keeports Thirty three pounds nine Shillings and seven Pence for the use of Peter Mackenheimer, two hundred and Thirty two Pounds ten Shillings for the use of Samuel Messersmith, eleven Pounds thirteen Shillings and four Pence for the use of Joshua Dudley and the further Sum of ten Pounds ten Shillings for the use of George Lindenburger as per Accounts passed by the Committee of Claims.

John Bryan and Henry Spencer of Queen Anne's County took the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State according to the late Act & Certa given

[Forbes to Johnson.]

C. C. Original.

York Town March 24th 1778.

Dear Sir

Yours of the 21st Inst by Mr Howard came to hand yesterday, by him you will receive the 100000 Dollars, the State of Maryd to be accountable for the same, as Mr Howard cou'd

C. C. not carry the money, I have got from the Board of War, a Dragoon to goe with him to Baltimore and from thence he says he can contrive it. A Letter came to hand a day or two agoe from Gen[l] Smallwood to Gen[l] Washington informing of a large Fleet being gone down the Delaware of upwards of one hundred saile, many of which are small Vessells, said to have Troops on board by information from deserters from Phila[a] they have only eighteen days provisions on board, therefore concluded only to be sent on a Forredging party to the State of Delaware, or perhaps to the Chesepeak Bay

M[r] Chase is just arrived, but seems to be determined to make but short stay, on Account of the very bad accommodations this place affords.

Your Lett[r] to Gen[l] Gates on the Subject of an Embargoe & the Virg[a] Frigate was committed and a report ready but it has not yet been taken up in Congress I apprehend an Embargoe on provisions will take place, but am affraid a general one will not be agreed to when any thing material occurs shall do my self the honour of writing you & am very respect[lly]

Sir

Your most Obed[t] Serv[t]

James Forbes

NB. Virg[a] & N. York only, have agreed on form to the ratification of the Confederation most of the other States have proposed amendments, but the Members say they are instructed to ratefy, if the amendments cant be obtained. noe time fixt for taking up this matter in Congress. J. F.

C. B

Wednesday 25th March 1778.

Present as on yesterday

William Murdock of Prince Georges County, Henry Merick and Thomas Brown of Ann Arundel County took the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State according to the late Act and Certificates given.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Cap[t] Eccleston seven hundred and twenty Dollars out of the money lately sent by Congress for the recruiting Service to be charged to the second Maryland Regiment by G Smallwoods Order

That the said Treasurer pay to Abraham Faw two thousand five hundred and ninty six pounds ten Shillings and three pence per Account passed the Committee of Claims for Cloathing Purchased, Fourteen Pounds nine Shillings for the use of Henry Cook, Forty Pounds ninteen Shillings and six pence for the use of Lodowick Camp, Henry Foutz and Geo

Ransburgh and nine Pounds six Shillings and two Pence for the use of Jacob Pence for Pasturage Hay and Wood furnished per Accounts passed by the Committee of Claims C. B.

That the said Treasurer pay to Richard Crabb, eight Pounds five Shillings for the use of Thomas Nichols for Waggon hire per Acco[t] passed by the Com[r] of Claims.

The following Persons are appointed Agents for Purchasing Provisions for the Army of the United States agreeable to an Act of Assembly passed the 23[d] Inst.

Saint Marys County	Capt. John Thomas
Charles	Daniel Jenifer
Calvert	Patrick Smith
Prince Georges	Thomas Clagett
Ann Arundel	Col. Thomas Dorsey
Baltimore	Cap[t] John Sterett remov'd
Frederick	William Beatty
Washington	Richard Davis
Montgomery	William Waters refus'd to act
Harford	William Bond of Joshua
Cecil	Samuel Gilpin
Kent	William Houston
Queen Annes	Charles Downes
Talbot	Col Peregrine Tilghman resign'd
Dorchester	James Sullivan
Caroline	Nath[l] Potter
Somerset	John Stewart
Worcester	Joseph Dashiell

[Council to R. Davis.] C. C. 132

In Council Annapolis 25th March 1778.

Sir.

Inclosed you will receive five Copies of an Act of the present Session of Assembly for collecting Provisions and an Appointment of you as Agent for that Purpose. As a Number of Prisoners will be kept at Fort Frederick and a Guard placed there over them, we think it adviseable for you to deposit the Provisions as convenient as may be to Fort Frederick. Col[o] Rawlings will deliver you this and we shall be glad you would concert Measures with him for collecting the Provisions above. We design he should have the Command of the Militia who may Guard the Prisoners and the Superintendance of the Business at the Fort; his Acquaintance with Things of this Nature makes it very proper, and we wish the Gen[t] of your County to do all they can towards enabling him to go through it with Reputation to himself and the State.

Richard Davis Esq[r] We are &[ca]

C. B. Thursday 26th March 1778

Present as on yesterday

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Capt. John Courts Jones sent down by General Smallwood on the recruiting Service as appears by his Orders of the 2d Inst. five hundred Dollars out of the money lately sent by Congress for the recruiting Service to be charged to the 7th Maryland Regimt

That the said Treasurer pay to Col. Eneas Campbell five hundred and fifteen Pounds two Shillings and ten Pence due the Militia of Montgomery County, lately under his Command whilst in actual Service per Accts passed by the Committee of Claims.

Joseph Dority of Baltimore County took the Oath of Fidelity & Support to this State according to the late Act & Certificate given

The Council advise Pardons to James Matthias Charles Close, William Clark Samuel Coyle, and James Bradley condemned at Baltimore County Court On Condition that they shall respectively enlist themselves Soldiers in some of the Maryland Regiments of Continental Troops and shall not desert from the Service and Pardons granted accordingly.

Ordered That Thomas Johnson Junr Clerk of the Council receive of James Brookes late Clerk of the former Council of Maryland under the old Government all the Books and Papers which were in the Hands or Custody of the said James Brookes as Clerk of the said former Council and that the said Books and Papers be deposited with the Books Papers and Proceedings of this Board.

Edward Tilghman Junr of Queen Annes County appeared before this Board in the Custody of the Sheriff of the said County according to the Order of the twenty first Day of this Instant and acknowledges his having gone into Philadelphia whilst in Possession of the Enemy without Permission from the Governor and Council and again returning from thence without calling at any Post occupied by the Army of the United States and further that previous to his coming out he gave his Parole not to say or do any Thing against the Service of the King of Great Britain or to bear Arms against him and to return to the Head Quarters of the Commander in Chief of the British Forces when required and also that he considered himself bound to return again according to his Parole if called on. Whereupon this Board adjudge that there are good grounds to believe the going at Large of the said Edward Tilghman may be dangerous to the Safety of this State and Therefore Order that he give Bond payable to

this State in the Penalty of five thousand Pounds Current Money with sufficient Security to be approved of by this Board or by some Justice of the Peace for Queen Annes County. Conditioned for his the said Edward Tilghman Personal Appearance before the next General Court to be held for the Eastern Shore to answer for his going into Phil[a] whilst in Possession of the Enemy without having obtained Permission from the Governor and Council of this State and not departing the said Court without Leave thereof and further for his not going out of Queen Annes County nor more than five Miles from the Dwelling House of his ffather Edward Tilghman without the Leave of the Governor and Council of this State for the Time being unless for the purpose of Attending the General Court as aforesaid and for his returning from the same Court as soon as permitted within the said Limit. But the said Edward Tilghman Jun[r] not having such Security here ready he is therefore committed to the Custody of the Sheriff of Queen Annes County there to remain until duly discharged. C. B.

[Council to S. Smith.] C. C. 133

In Council 26th March 1778.

Sir.

Thomas Worthington complains to us that one Benjamin Todd, who we suppose is a Sergeant, inlisted his Convict Servant Man named Thomas Bennett, knowing that he was his Servant, and that he applied to you for the Servant, and you refuse to return him. We are at a Loss to conjecture on what Principle a Servant, and especially a convicted one, could be inlisted or detained, as we have no Law to warrant such a Proceeding, and, from the frequent Desertions of People so circumstanced, Gen[l] Washington thought proper to discountenance it. We request, on M[r] Worthington's shewing that Thomas Bennett is his Servant, that you will restore him and that you'll give Orders to the Officers under you, not to inlist Servants, by which you will prevent their running away from their Masters, in Hopes of getting to the Enemy which, whilst Servants were inlisted, proved a great Injury to the People of this State, and very little, if at all, strengthened our Army.

L[t] Col[o] Sam[l] Smith. We are &[ca]

Friday, 27th March 1778 C. B.

Present as on yesterday.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Joseph Dashiell Esq. one thousand two hundred and seventy two

C. B. Pounds, sixteen Shillings and five Pence Balance due to him on Account as per Acc^{t} examined & passed by the Com of Claims

That the said Treasurer pay to Elizabeth Maw Ten pounds for Rent of her House as a Barrack as per Account exam^{d} & passed by the Com of Claims

That the said Treasurer Pay to Richard Crabb eleven Pounds for the use of Joshua Harbin due to him for Waggon hire for the Virginia Troops per Cert^{a} allowed by the Committee of Claims.

That the said Treasurer pay to Col. Joseph Dashiell eight thousand Dollars out of the money remitted by Congress for the Purchase of Provisions to be expended for that use and Accounted for—the further Sum of Eight thousand Dollars to be delivered over to Col^{o} John Stewart for the purpose of Purchasing Prov^{s} in Somerset County to be accounted for and also the further Sum of four thousand Dollars to be delivered over to James Sullivane of Dorchester County for the purpose of Purchasing Provisions & to be accounted for.

That the said Treasurer pay to Jonathan Parker two Pounds eighteen Shillings and nine pence due him for going Express to Baltimore per Account passed by the Committee of Claims

That the said Treasurer pay to Henry Kersey a light Horseman who came down with the Money sent by Congress for the Purchase of Provisions Ten Dollars to bear his Expences back to York.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Athanasius Ford Eighty Pounds sixteen Shillings to be delivered over to Capt. John Greenwell for the use of Part of the 21st Battalion of Mil^{a} under his Command whilst in actual Service per Pay Roll examined & passed by the Committee of Claims.

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Col. Stone 5 p^{r} Stockings five pair Shoes, 7 Blankets, 7 Coats, 7 Waistcoats, 22 p^{r} Breeches and 34 Shirts to be charged to the first Regiment.

It Appears that Joseph Jenkins son of John Jenkins of Prince Georges County was born in this State that he was long since duly enrolled in Captain Andrew Bealls Company of Militia and on the 28th Day of February last took the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State agreeable to the Laws thereof and from any thing that appears he hath been always a Resident and Subject to this State and the said Joseph Jenkins complaining to this Board that he hath been drafted in Virginia for a Soldier as an Inhabitant and Subject thereof and threatened to be taken from his Home as such, on no other ground than his having travelled into the Back Parts of Virginia with an Intention of Purchasing a piece of Land for

his father which he did not accomplish. This Board desirous C. B.
of Affording to the Subjects of this State the Protection due to them do Order that the said Joseph Jenkins be not taken as a Soldier under the said Draft or treated with any Violence but that if any Officer claims him as a Soldier in Consequence of the said Draft that the Evidence if any of his being Subject thereto be laid before the Governor and Council that the same may be considered and Justice done therein the said Joseph Jenkins giving Security before some Justice of the Peace for Prince Georges County in one hundred and fifty Pounds for his Appearance before this Board on due Notice given to him for that Purpose or left in writing at his fathers Dwelling House.

[Council to Purveyors.] C. C.

Circular 134

In Council Annapolis 27th March 1778.

Sir.

We wish to be advised of the Quantity of Provisions which you have a prospect of procuring, under the Directions of the late Act, which we have already transmitted to you, as we may remit you the Money necessary to pay for them, we having received Cash this Morning from the Congress for that Purpose. It is essential to the Service that we should be regularly furnished with a Monthly Return of your Purchase agreeable to the Act, and we request you will specify in it the Places where the Provisions are collected, which we desire may be chosen with a View to their Safety and the Convenience too, as far as may be, for their Removal for the use they are designed. The Barrelled Pork and Beef which you may get, must be well examined and if there's Doubt of its keeping you must by all Means have it put into proper Order and if necessary, Salt added. We are &ca

To the Agents for the
Purchase of Provisions

[Council to Gates.] 135

In Council Annapolis 27th March 1778.

Sir

In Consequence the former Letters from the Board of War, Mr Hughes was urged to get Fort Frederick Ready for the Reception of the British Prisoners with all Dispatch and to call on a sufficient Number of the Militia perhaps more than barely necessary, to act as a Guard at least 'til the Assembly should make some other Provision, and we are induced, by a Letter

C. C. received from him, to expect that the Fort is nearly ready. Col° Rawlings who is, at present, without any Command in the Army, we have thought a very proper Person to have the Command of the Guard and the Management of the Prisoners, he seems willing to undertake it and set out a few Days ago, from hence with Intention to call at York and discourse with the Board of War on this Subject and, we expect, he will give a much fuller Idea of all Circumstances than we possibly can. We have directed that the Provisions collected on the Western Side of the South Mountain should be stored, with a View to supply the Guard and are apprehensive that what can be got there will not be Sufficient for the Guard and Prisoners, the latter of whom must, probably, be supplied there by us or perish. Virginia lying just across the River, it might be prudent to direct that any Provisions collected in that State, in the Neighbourhood of Fort Frederick, should not be removed, at least 'til it can be seen whether they are likely to be more necessary any where else than at the Fort. We do not know how far Col° Rawlings's having the Charge of the Prisoners and the Command of the Guard, may interfere with Mr Hughes's Appointment, but we suppose, Mr Hughes could take no Umbrage at seeing this Business in the Colonel's Hands. We are &^ca

Honb^le the Presid^t of the Board of War.

C. B. Saturday 28 March 1778.

Present as on yesterday. Commission issued to Wm Hyde app^d Register to the High Court of Chanc^ry

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer pay to Edward Dorsey to be delivered over to Samuel Dorsey & C° Thirteen pounds, ten Shillings per Account passed by the Committee of Claims.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Nicholas Manger Eighteen Pounds for enlisting three Recruits part of an Account passed by the Committee of Claims

That the said Treasurer pay to Francis Fairbrother Eight Pounds for one hundred and seven pounds of Bar Iron furnished Capt Conway for the Sloop Molly per his Order of the 22^d January last.

That the said Treasurer Pay to Jacob Young twenty four Pounds to be deliv^d over to Geo. Bear for hire of himself & Waggon per Acc^t passed by the Com. of Claims.

Commissions of Letters of Marque and Reprisal Issued to John Angus Master of the Brig Delaware mounting ten Carriage Guns, 7 Blunderbusses and 7 Musquets belonging to Joseph Williams & others dated 20th October 1777, and also

to Nicholas Martin Master of the Sloop Morris and Wallace C. B.
mounting 4 Carriage Guns and 4 Swivels navigated by 15 Men belonging to Ch^s Wallace & others at the City of Annapolis & dated 19th Oct. 1777.

Ordered That the western Shore Treasurer pay to Christopher Edelin four Pounds five Shillings and five Pence Balance of Account for Prisoners of War, five Pounds, eleven Shillings and seven Pence half penny to be delivered over to Daniel Ragan for ferriages, two Pounds ten Shillings to be delivered over to Henry Shover for a Gun, and the further Sum of three Pounds thirteen Shillings and four Pence to be delivered over to Philip Berger for Diets for flying Camp per Accounts examined and Passed by the Committee of Claims

That the said Treasurer Pay to Francis Bealmear Six Pounds for four pair Shoes received of him by the Commissary per his Receipt

That the said Treasurer pay to Stephen Steward one thousand Pounds on Acc^t

That the said Treasurer pay to Nicholas Dorsey son of Henry seven pounds five Shillings for Waggonage and also the further Sum of eight Pounds ten Shillg^s and Six Pence for Waggonage to be delivered over to Thomas Bissett per Balance of Accounts passed by the Committee of Claims.

That the said Treasurer pay to Cornelius Mills seventy five Pounds on Account of the Recruiting Service

That the said Treasurer Pay to Capt. George Ross Thirty nine Pounds sixteen Shillings and the further Sum of Three Pounds seven Shillings & four Pence per Accounts passed by the Committee of Claims

That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Capt Davidson, 5 Blankets, 5 Coats 5 Jackets, 5 pair Breeches, 5 pair Shoes, 5 pair Stockings 5 Shirts and five Hatts to be charged to the Second Regiment.

That the said Commissary of Stores deliver to Stephen Stewart half p^s Oznabrigs to be returned in Kind of equal Quality.

[Gates to Gov. Johnson.] C. C. Original.

(Circular) War office 28 March 1778

Sir,

I do myself the honor to inclose you the resolves of congress of the 19th instant respecting the troops destined to reinforce the grand army. Unfortunately after they were passed, they lay several days before they were handed to this board: but they demand the most immediate attention and execution. What gave rise to the first, was, an apprehension that the recruits might be detained in their respective states 'till they

c. c. had been innoculated. This the present posture of our affairs absolutely forbids. The campaign will soon open; and with all the diligence practicable, it is to be feared the reinforcements will not arrive in time to enable the commander in chief to take measures the most necessary and advantageous, before the enemy get reinforced. General Washington has received intelligence that they are embarking troops at New York and Rhode Island; destined (it is said) for Philadelphia; and he is to the last degree anxious to have the reinforcements speedily join him; in the first place that he may be prepared for defence; in the second to take advantage of any favourable circumstance which may happen to injure the enemy.

The recommendation to provide cartridge boxes and tin cannisters for cartridges is given, because of the almost total want of them in the public stores, and the impossibility of making a number in any degree equal to the demands of the army, in the public manufactories, where the workmen are few, and it is impossible to encrease them: agreeable to the direction of congress, the board give the following description of the tin cannisters.

They are to be six inches and an half deep, or long; three inches and three quarters of an inch broad (this breadth receiving the cartridges lengthways, as they lie in a horizontal possition) and two inches and seven eighths of an inch thick; (this thickness admitting four cartridges, to lay side by side) a box of these dimensions, in the clear, will well contain thirty six cartridges with ounce balls. A wire is to be fixed in all the edges at the top, and then each side turned down (outwards) a full half inch, and soldered. The cover is to be a full half inch deep, so that when fixed on the cannister the edges shall come close down to the ledge formed by the inclosed wire. This cover at one end turns on a hinge an inch and a quarter long, the wire (fixed as above mentioned) being laid naked, that space, for the purpose; and a piece of tin is run underneath this wire, doubled together, and soldered on the inside of one end of the cover. The soldier carries a cannister by a shoulder belt, as he does a cartridge box: and for this reason the cannister has fixed to it three loops of tin, each half an inch wide, with the edges turned back, to be smooth and strong; one of them is placed underneath the middle of the bottom, and one on each of the narrowest sides, the latter at four inches distance from the bottom to their lower edges. The loops are to be sent down at each end and very well soldered, leaving a space to admit a leathern belt full one inch and a half wide, and nearly an eighth of an inch thick. The cover opens against one part of the belt, which causes it to fall down, after a cartridge is taken out, by w^h means the rest

are secured from accidental fire. If possible, the cannisters should be japanned, or painted, to preserve them from rust; and all fixed with belts. C. C.

The board are of opinion that these cannisters are preferable to cartridge boxes, as they will infallibly secure the cartridges from rain, and their weight is so trifling as to be no burthen to the Soldier. And seeing leather is so scarce they will be a most excellent substitute for cartridge boxes.

I am Sir with great respect
Your most obedient Servant
Horatio Gates
President

His Excellency Thomas Johnson Esqr

Monday 30th March 1778 C. B.

Present as on Saturday except T Sim Lee Esqr

Benjamin Jackson a free Mulato of Montgomery County took the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State according to the late Act & Certificate given.

Ordered That the western shore Treasurer Pay to Col^o Stone two hundred & twenty six Dollars out of the Money received from Congress for the Recruiting Service to be charged to the first Regiment.

Tuesday 31st March 1778.

Present as on yesterday. Mr Lee Attended.

George Piercy of Saint Marys County, George Turnbull of Baltimore County Richard Goodwin, John Reynolds, Thomas Robinson son of Ch^s of Ann Arundel County John Cox, James Boyle, John Crapper, Thomas Howard, John Chevear of the Baltimore Galley and John Hanson of the Independence Galley took the Oath of Fidelity and Support to this State according to the late Act & Certificates given.

Ordered That the Commissary of Stores deliver to Edward Edgerly Adjut^n 3 Coats Waistcoats and Breeches 3 pair of Shoes, 3 pair of Stockings, 6 Shirts, 3 Hatts and two Blankets for three recruits and red Cloth sufficient for a Coat and Waistcoat with Trimings for himself to be charged to the second Regiment.

It appearing to this Board from the Evidence of John Cox, John Crapper and others given on Oath that John Green lately of the Baltimore Galley did at several Times and on Several Occasions on board the said Galley Damn the Con-

C. B. gress and the Governor and Council that he declared he had rather drink the Kings Health in Water than the Health of the Congress in Punch and that he huzza'd for King George. This Board adjudge that it may be dangerous to this State to suffer him the said John Green to go at large wherefore it is Ordered that he give Bond with good Security payable to this State in the Penalty of two hundred & fifty Pounds Current Money Conditioned for his behaving himself as a good true and faithful Subject of this State but for want of such Security he is committed to the Custody of the Sheriff of Ann Arundel County there to remain til duly discharged there from Bond was afterwards given and the said John Green is thereupon Discharged

Col Joseph Dashiell having drawn an Order on the Western Shore Treasurer for six thousand forty seven Pounds, eighteen Shillings & nine Pence in favor of William Burdett for Goods Purchased of him which Order was assigned to George Turnbull therefore according to the Resolve of the General Assembly of this Day the Western shore Treasurer is ordered to Pay the said Order out of the hundred thousand Dollars remitted by Congress to pay for Provisions

from the House of Delegates deliver to the Council the following Resolve.

By the House of Delegates March 28. 1778

The House taking into Consideration the Report of the Committee on the Memorial of Robert Anderson.

Resolved That the Governor and the Council be empowered to draw on either of the Treasurers for the Sum of nine hundred and ninety four Pounds six Shillings Common Money, and to pay the same to the said Robert Anderson on his Order, and that the property of the sails of the Snow Champion be vested in this State.

That the Governor and the Council be empowered and requested to sell the said Sails or dispose of and convert them to such use as may be most advantageous to the State. By order G. Duvall Cl H. D. which said Resolve was thus endorsed, By the Senate March 28. 1778

Read the first Time and ordered to lie on the Table By order R. Ridgely Cl. Sen.

By the Senate March 31. 1778. Read the second Time & Assented to By order R. R. Cl. S.

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